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New board

The Canton Historical Society has elected new officers for 2102.

Officers include Bill Tesen, president; Rick Barker, vice president; Dave Curtis, secretary; Brad Czerniak, treasurer; and five directors — Anita Depentu, Gregg King, Ronni Curtis, Jack Truesdell and Kathy Martin.

The Canton Historical Museum is located in an old one-room schoolhouse at 1020 Canton Center Road. The phone number is (734) 397-0088.

Science hire

The Leslie Science & Nature Center announced Susan Westhoff has joined LSNC as its new executive director.

Westhoff is originally from the Plymouth-Canton area, and a graduate of Salem High School. After graduating from the University



Westhoff

of Michigan with a bachelor's in music performance, she went to work at Ann Arbor's University Musical Society's Education Department.

The Leslie Science and Nature Center provides opportunities for a hands-on experience with nature.

For more information on the organization and programming, visit the center's website at www.lesliesnc.org or call (734) 997-1553.

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School board cuts off comment

By Brad Kadrach
Observer Staff Writer

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education limited the public comments section of its regular meeting Tuesday to 45 minutes, cutting off the opportunity to speak for as many as 20 residents, and apparently violating the state's Open Meetings Act in the process.

Board Vice President Adrienne Davis announced the decision to limit public comment at the outset of the board meet-

ing, prompting several protests among the crowd assembled for the meeting.

Board policy dictates residents who wish to address the board need to fill out a comment card prior to the meeting. Davis noted she'd received 35 such cards prior to Tuesday's meeting, most of them wishing to voice an opinion on one side or the other of the ongoing book-banning issue.

"We respect your rights, and

we want to hear from you," Davis told the crowd in announcing the decision. "(But) this is the business meeting of the Board of Education. If we aren't given time to do our business in adequate time, it will impact the students."

Violates act

But attorney Jennifer Dukarski of the Michigan Press Association's legal hotline, said the decision violates Section 15.263, Section 5 of the OMA. She also drew on a Michigan attorney

general's opinion from 1978 to point out the violation, which carries a penalty of up to a \$500 fine.

"That opinion does an excellent job of setting a clear path for speech by public citizens," Dukarski said. "People have the right to be heard. ... It looks like the school board shut down (public) comment in a manner that appears to go against the principle of the Open Meetings Act."

District officials said Davis fol-

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International flavor



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Dance of Youth, by the New Century Chinese School, was one of the highlights of Canton's International Festival Saturday at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. The festival is held annually to recognize the diverse cultures represented in Canton. For more on the festival, please turn to page A5.

Official: Video leaker 'out to hurt' someone

By Brad Kadrach
Observer Staff Writer

Wayne County Commissioner Kevin McNamara said Tuesday he isn't sure about the motives of whomever leaked a squad car dashboard camera video of a traffic stop involving the Canton Democrat last April.

But he's pretty confident it's political.

"I don't know why else anyone would leak the video," McNamara said. "I don't know who did it, but the only reason would be to make someone look bad, since I didn't break any laws."

The video turned up on a local television station Monday evening, nearly 10 months after it was made. It was taken from the dashboard camera of a Canton Police Department squad car in April 2011. It shows McNamara being given a field sobriety test and having a Breathalyzer administered. He blew 0.07 on the Breathalyzer, just below the legal lim-



McNamara

it for being considered driving under the influence. Police officials said McNamara was stopped for not using his signal to indicate a lane change. He was stopped near Geddes and Canton Center. After administering the breath test, the officers who stopped him decided to give him a ride home in his own car, while following with the police car.

"That's one of the options," Canton Public Safety Director Pat Nemecek said. "We're not crazy about the ride home, but you've got a veteran officer making a discretionary decision, and we stand by that decision."

McNamara said he was treated during the incident "like any other citizen," an assessment Nemecek said was accurate.

"The thing is, the officer didn't even know who (McNamara) was," Nemecek said. "(McNamara) asked him at one point if (the officer) knew who he was, and the officer said no. At that point the decision had already been made (to drive him home)."

McNamara apologized for cutting the margin so thin.

"I understand that's really close ... I waited a long time (before driving) and I thought it would be lower," McNamara said. "I apologize for any embarrassment this has caused my community or my family."

Embarrassment was exactly the desired effect, said Wayne County Assistant Executive Alan Helmkamp, a Democrat and friend of McNamara. According to Helmkamp, someone from the county staff requested a copy of the tape from Canton police under the Freedom of Information Act.

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Trustee first to file for '12 board race

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Canton Township Trustee Pat Williams has become the first candidate for township office for the 2012 political season, citing a need to restore declining fund balances, address long-term legacy costs, push back against escalating water-sewer rates and spur economic development.

Williams, a 51-year-old Republican incumbent, filed his nominating petitions this month with the local clerk's office. He hopes to win a second consecutive four-year term in November as Canton voters choose township leaders, including four part-time trustees and a full-time supervisor, clerk and treasurer.

Though he has name recognition as an elected incumbent, Williams indicated Monday he plans an aggressive campaign.

"I'm going to work my tail off and do what's required to do to get out and meet as many people as I can," he said. "I think if I do the work, I'll be re-elected. I'm passionate about Canton."

Williams, an account manager for Automotive Components Holdings, a subsidiary of Ford Motor Co., said he turned in his nominating petitions this month after gathering signatures from registered voters during the company's recent holiday shutdown.

Canton voters this year also will elect six library board members to four-year terms. As for township offices, rumors are swirling about a potentially lengthy list of candidates during the presidential election year.

"I expect there will be a lot of interest," Williams said.

Voters will elect at least one new trustee after Dr. Syed Taj earlier announced his Democratic candidacy for the seat held by U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia.

Williams said much work remains as Canton — like other Michigan communities — continues to fight back amid declining revenues that followed a sharp downturn in property values.

"We're not done with getting our costs in line with our revenues," he said, adding later, "I

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Township candidates who declare a political party have to collect 200-400 valid signatures of registered voters to get on the Aug. 7 primary ballot. Their filing deadline is May 15.

Candidates who do not declare a political party face a July 19 deadline and must collect 600-1,200 signatures, Clerk Terry Bennett said.

Here's a snapshot of the

Aug. 7 primary for the two major political parties:

- Assuming enough candidates seek election, the four Republican candidates and four Democratic hopefuls who receive the most votes in their respective parties would move on to the Nov. 6 general election. Voters then will fill four part-time seats.
- For the full-time posts of supervisor, clerk and treasurer, the top Republican and Democratic finisher from each party will face each other in the general election, assuming there is a candidate from both parties.

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Clerk seeks election help

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Canton Township Clerk Terry Bennett has issued an appeal for election precinct inspectors for the Feb. 28 presidential preference primary, citing a shortage of workers.

"We need to try to recruit some additional folks for Feb. 28 due to some workers going south for the winter," Bennett said.

The position is limited to working on designated election days in Canton. It pays a minimum of \$135 plus \$20 for each training session.

"There will probably be two (training sessions)," Bennett said.

Qualified candidates who chair their precincts can earn \$165 plus \$20 for training sessions.

Precinct inspector applicants must be qualified, registered voters in Wayne County and a U.S. citizen. They also have to fill out an application in their own handwriting

and be willing to declare a political party affiliation.

Applicants must be able to work closely with others, assemble simple voting stations, read and write legibly in the English language, perform simple math calculations, follow instructions by the precinct chairperson and have the interpersonal skills to work with a diverse community population.

Attendance at training sessions is mandatory prior to working an election. Application packets may be picked up in the clerk's office, located in the township administration building on Canton Center between Cherry Hill and Palmer. They also may be downloaded by going to www.cantonmi.org and looking under the Government and Clerk's Office tabs.

Applications may be dropped off at the clerk's office or returned by mail.

For more information call (734) 394-5120.

Organizers hail ice fest features

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

New features, large crowds, a boost in revenue and a milestone year added up to a successful 2012 Plymouth Ice Festival.

The 30th annual festival brought thousands of people over the weekend to downtown Plymouth, where more than 100 ice sculptures were on display, vendors sold refreshments and visitors sampled winter sports and posed with "interactive" sculptures. People watched master carvers at work in Kellogg Park during a Friday deep freeze and lined up five and six deep Saturday afternoon, in warmer weather, to see college-level carvers compete.

"It was great. We raised more money than we have in the past few years," said Steve Alexandrowski, an ice festival committee member. "The crowds were big and I think the coolest thing was we had was the interactive sculptures."

Alexandrowski was referring to sculptures that had visitors standing in line for photo opportunities, including a dinosaur and a polar bear for children to climb on, a Channel 2 news anchor desk, an "ice throne" and, fittingly, a life-sized eskimo sculpture.

"I think in this more interactive path, people love it," Alexandrowski said. There were a couple of photo op-type sculptures last year, he said, but more this year.

Sponsors step up

Anticipated revenue is also up, Alexandrowski said, and should top \$100,000 when receipts



Local ice artist Ted Wakar of Canton works his magic on a sculpture during last weekend's 30th annual Plymouth Ice Festival.

are totaled, enough to pay the bills and set the stage for next year. That compares to totals, in recent years, of between \$70,000 and \$80,000. The festival is completely funded by sponsorships and donations.

Chief organizer Sam Walton said he was grateful to everyone who helped make the festival a success, even in difficult economic times.

"It was a testament to the community that, in this day and age, we still have the largest free ice show in the country," Walton said.

"I think Sam has got the program down, and we look forward to the 2013 Ice Festival," Alexandrowski said.

On Saturday afternoon, David and Elaine Martin of Windsor were enjoying their first trip to the festival in about 10 years.

"I can't believe the crowds. You can hardly move," David Martin said after watching the collegiate carvers, who

worked within a fenced-off area of the park while onlookers jockeyed for the best vantage point.

Competition sculptures included a giant bee (Martin's favorite), a delicate, robotic-looking insect, a fish and a tumbling human figure.

"I love the artistic part of it," said Elaine Martin, herself an artist and a retired department-store decorator. "I just find it fascinating."

"I think it's amazing what they can do with the ice," said first-time festival-goer Denise Davidson of South Lyon.

Walton estimated more than 100,000 people visited the festival over a four-day period (the show officially began Friday, but Walton included Thursday, Jan. 19, visits). Saturday's crowd matched, or possibly exceeded, the Saturday attendance he's seen in past years, he said.

"It was crazy. There were 50 people in line at all times," he said. The skiing also was another photo opportunity for people who brought young ones to the festival, and Parent said the majority of participants he spoke with had never before tried winter sports.

Sun & Snow also hosted members of the Plymouth Whalers for photo ops Friday night.

Both Alexandrowski and Parent suggested that aspects of the festival that involve visitor participation — like the skiing and the sculptures people can climb on — are catching on big.

"I think this was an introduction, kind of, to a whole new festival," Parent said.

Walton said other facets of the festival, things that have been introduced or modified in recent years, received good feedback on the festival's Facebook and Twitter accounts, including the Hot Spot warming area at The Gathering, a wider variety of food options and the "dueling chainsaws" speed-carving event.

Other features included a free performance by the Shawn Riley Band on Friday night, the lighting of the "fire and ice" torches Friday and Saturday nights and a petting zoo and pony rides for children.

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Third man charged in sex assault case

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

A third Canton man has been charged following allegations he and two other men had sex with a 24-year-old neighbor after she had fallen unconscious in a Sherwood Village mobile home after she took an anti-anxiety drug and drank beer.

Jordan Fredrick-Andrew Terrell, 21, was arraigned Monday on three counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct, three counts of third-degree CSC and one count of assault with intent to commit sexual penetration.

Terrell's charges came as an alleged sexual assault case continues to unfold from an Aug. 12 incident in Sherwood Village, a mobile home complex on Canton's south-east side.

Terrell was arraigned by 35th District Michael



Terrell

the defendant back in court for a Feb. 3 preliminary examination to determine if he should face trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

If convicted, Terrell could face penalties ranging up to life in prison.

One defendant, 17-year-old Ryan Orr, already has pleaded guilty to one count of third-degree criminal sexual conduct, Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Maria Miller said, and Orr could face penalties ranging up to 15 years in prison when he is sentenced Feb. 8 by Circuit Judge Annette Berry.

Orr's plea resulted in several other charges of

first- and third-degree CSC being dropped.

The outcome of 50-year-old defendant Steven Arthur Nausley's case is pending in circuit court. He faces the same criminal counts as Terrell but also has been charged as a fourth-degree habitual offender, meaning his penalties could be strengthened if he is found guilty.

The alleged victim has testified during an earlier preliminary exam that she was unconscious in a Sherwood Village bedroom and awoke to find Nausley standing over her and the two other men warning that what he was doing amounted to rape. She said Nausley denied it.

The woman has indicated in court that she once considered the men her friends.

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W-W provides information about sinking fund renewal request

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

Wayne-Westland school officials are hoping voters in the district will say yes to the renewal sinking fund tax levy when they go to polls in February for the state's presidential primary election.

The district is seeking a 10-year renewal of the .9922-mill tax request. The money will be used to make significantly large repairs or renovations "that will impact the students."

"This will be used for the maintenance and replacement of large items that tend to go bad after 10-15 years," School Superintendent Greg Baracy said. "Most residents understand how severely schools have been cut by the state of Michigan and that without a capital improvement fund, we can't make the repairs because the state doesn't provide us

with enough money."

The millage would replace a sinking fund levy approved by voters in 2003. The last time taxes can be collected for that levy will be July 2012. The new tax, if approved, would be levied in 2013 and run through 2022.

School officials are meeting with parent groups and civic organizations to provide information about the sinking fund. They're stressing that the tax is not a new tax nor is it an increase. The levy represents a tax of .9922 cents for every \$1,000 of taxable value. It would cost the owner of a home with a \$40,000 taxable value \$39.69 a year.

The tax levy would raise approximately \$1.93 million the first year and an estimated \$19.1 million over 10 years. The money will be used for such things as replacement of roofs, boilers, chill-

ers and cooling towers, exterior doors and windows, elementary kitchen remodeling and renovations, parking lot upgrades and expansions and bathroom renovations.

There will be no additions like the gymnasiums and elementary libraries that were constructed as part of the current 10-year levy, Baracy said.

At the top of the list is the John Glenn High School roof.

"Three-quarters of John Glenn's roof needs to be replaced, that would cost \$1.7 million," Baracy said. "If we don't do it now, in the next couple of years, it will have to be replaced."

Baracy is hoping residents will approve the tax renewal, especially since it is less than the original 1-mill request. Residents have until Monday, Jan. 30, to register to vote in the Feb. 28 election.

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Man pleads guilty in assault case

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

A Detroit man who stalked and sexually assaulted his former girlfriend in her Canton home is facing sentencing Feb. 8 after he pleaded guilty in Wayne County Circuit Court, authorities said Monday.

Kerenski Caldwell, 43, faces sentencing by Judge Patricia Fresard after he averted a trial by pleading guilty Jan. 18 to second-degree criminal sexual conduct, stalking and domestic violence, Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Maria Miller said.

Caldwell's plea brought a



Caldwell

witness stand, testified against him during a preliminary hearing.

Caldwell could face penalties ranging up to 15 years in prison during his sentencing. His decision to plead guilty led to authorities dropping more serious charges of first-degree criminal sexual conduct, pun-

ishable by up to life in prison. According to the Michigan Department of Corrections, Caldwell already had spent multiple years in prison and has a criminal history including armed robbery, retail fraud, embezzlement, felonious assault and felony firearms. Some of the incidents date back as far as 1990.

The victim testified in 35th District Court that Caldwell hid in her shower and ambushed her when she walked into her bathroom last Oct. 12.

"He grabbed me by the neck and pushed me against the wall," she said, accusing Caldwell of forcing her to the

floor, partially undressing her and sexually assaulting her as she tried to fight him off by punching and kicking him.

She testified he then grabbed her hair and arm and dragged her to the bed, where he continued to force himself on her as she fought back.

Caldwell had originally faced trial for four counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct and one count each of first-degree home invasion, stalking and domestic violence.

Under an agreement reached by defense and prosecuting attorneys, he pleaded guilty to second-degree CSC, stalking and domestic violence, Miller said.

The victim testified in

November that she suspected something was amiss when she went inside her home Oct. 12 and wasn't greeted by her dog, who had been moved to a sun porch. She said she had known Caldwell for three years, but they had split up and decided to "remain friends."

The victim said she managed to call 9-1-1 during the ordeal when Caldwell briefly left the room. She said Canton police rushed to her home and captured Caldwell as he tried to escape out the back door.

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Police seek help finding credit union thief

Canton Police are asking for help identifying a suspect in the Jan. 18 robbery of the Credit Union Service Center on Sheldon Road.

According to police, the suspect walked into the center around 5:45 p.m., handed the teller a note, implied that he had a weapon, and left with an undisclosed amount of cash.

The suspect is described as a black male, 5-feet-8 or 5-feet-



9, around 180 pounds, medium build with a goatee and mustache. Witnesses said he was

wearing a black hoodie jacket with the Nike logo; his hood was up, with dark glasses, black gloves, blue undershirt and blue jeans.

Police are asking anyone with information on the identity of the suspect to contact the Canton Police Department at (734) 394-5400. Crime Stoppers will also take anonymous tips at 1-800-SPEAK UP, or tipsters can go online to www.1800speakup.org.

House fire kills family dogs

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Fire erupted inside the kitchen area of a Canton home southeast of Palmer and Morton Taylor roads Sunday afternoon while the family was away, causing extensive damage and leaving two dogs dead, Fire Chief Tim Dunn said.

Canton received a 9-1-1 call around 3 p.m. from neighbors who noticed the fire in the 2000 block of Roundtable Drive East.

Neighbors had gotten one of two family dogs out of the house before firefighters arrived to battle the blaze, but Dunn confirmed that both pets

died from smoke inhalation.

One dog was killed inside the house, and the other died later after it was taken to a veterinarian, Dunn said.

Flames started in the first-floor kitchen area of the two-story house, and Dunn said it appears the fire was electrical in nature.

Firefighters arrived and found heavy smoke coming from the front door and from gable and soffit vents. Neighbors reported that no one was at home.

Firefighters entered the home through the front door and found the kitchen engulfed in flames.

They doused the blaze, which Dunn said caused extensive damage to the kitchen and left smoke damage throughout the house.

The fire came just 10 days after another accidental fire gutted a house on Denton between Michigan Avenue and Geddes. A Canton couple, three children and another relative escaped injury during that blaze, which started about 1 a.m. Jan. 12.

After that fire, Dunn credited the father for doing "a phenomenal job getting his family out."

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Crowd enjoys international festival

A large, enthusiastic crowd gathered Saturday at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill and celebrated diverse customs and traditions in Canton's annual International Festival.

The festival celebrates the diversity of the local community through song and dance from various cultural groups. Featured dance performances represented various cultures and countries, including India, Tahiti, Hawaii, New Zealand, Ireland, China, the Middle East, and the United States.

The crowd enjoyed choral performances by the New Century Chinese School and the Plymouth Canton Chinese Learning Center. In addition the New Century Chinese School presented a Pipa solo by Mr. Tian along with featured Chinese dancers.

Featured artists included the New Hope Church's Praise Dancers, Mimes of Ministry, Women's Liturgical Group and Steppers of



Yuchent Tian has taught traditional stringed instruments like this Pipa, at the college level, for over 17 years.

Soul, as well as Monica Prasad on the Sitar. Rounding out the lineup were performances by The O'Hare School of Traditional Irish Dance; Triple Threat Dance Theater Company; Troupe Ta'amullat; and the Hoaloha Hula Dance Company.



"Grand de pas Classique," by Valen Yangouyian. She dances with the Triple Threat Dance Company.

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When it came into the county offices, Helm-kamp said he made a copy to review and "so I could advise (McNamara) what was in the hands of his (political) opposition."

It's unclear who made the initial FOIA request,

and Nemecek said he didn't know. A FOIA request from the *Canton Observer* is pending.

"Whoever made the copies which are now being widely distributed (to the media) is obviously out to hurt somebody, maybe all of us," Helm-kamp said.

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PLAYWRITING WORKSHOP

Date/Time: Monday, Feb. 13, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Location: Cherry Hill Schoolhouse, 50440 Cherry Hill in Canton.

Details: Aspiring playwrights are encouraged to attend TLC Productions upcoming Playwriting Workshop, where participants will learn the necessary skills needed to take a play from page to the stage. Workshop attendees will also see how to develop ideas into a detailed and evolved plot; create a fine-tuned script; and find out what it takes to submit a script for production and festival consideration, in addition to available theatrical resources and how to advance their efforts. Pre-registration by e-mail is required by Jan. 31.

Contact: For more information about TLC Productions' Playwriting Workshop, visit <http://tlcprod.wordpress.com>.

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In Memoriam



The passing of Charlie Wolfe gives us all pause to reflect on the good times we shared, and the kind of man he truly was. Growing up, Charlie was one of Plymouth's most successful and versatile athletes, whose tenacity and will to win were second to none. This local sports hero excelled in all of his athletic pursuits, but his favorites were football and basketball. He lettered in both sports in all three years of high school. He consistently led his teammates to victory and emerged as a true leader – a characteristic that he would carry forward with him later in life.

Upon his graduation from Plymouth High School in 1971, Charlie attended Central Michigan University and eventually started his own successful business. Charlie's greatest joys were his children, Katie, Scott and Abbey, and his granddaughters, Aubrey and Hannah. To those of us who knew him, he was a decent, honest and spiritual man. He was always compassionate and respectful to those around him, and he epitomized the meaning of the word friendship. He had a passion for life and lived it intensely. He was loved and will be missed.

McCotter: Obama picks winners and losers

By Ken Abramczyk
Observer Staff Writer



McCotter

President Barack Obama's State of the Union address Tuesday night highlighted the auto industry's recovery, pushed for further development of clean energy and called on Congress to work together.

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, criticized Obama, saying Wednesday morning that the president's address showed that Obama believes the economy "is a zero sum game."

"He believes that the Washington elites dictate who should get someone else's money," McCotter said. "He has a tax-and-spend agenda that is out-

dated for the 21st century." McCotter said the U.S. government could learn from what is happening in Michigan in creating a smaller, less costly government. "You're seeing the numbers in Michigan in developing a pro-business economy and it's working," he said.

Obama referenced the 2009 government bailout of General Motors and Chrysler, and declared that the American auto industry "was back."

"General Motors is on top as the No. 1 auto-

maker," Obama said. He pointed out that the auto industry had added 160,000 jobs.

McCotter agreed that the auto companies were making progress, and also pointed out that the bailout had bipartisan support, including President George W. Bush and the Michigan congressional delegation. He also believes the companies and employees are the ones who have moved the companies forward.

"All the credit goes to the people who had to put up with the restructuring," McCotter said. "The great irony is he supported the 'restructuring down' for them to make the companies more viable, which is completely

opposite of what he wants to do with federal government. He wants to make it more expensive."

McCotter said the president "picks winners and losers" with tax breaks toward alternative energy companies like Solyndra. "We need a broad-based tax and regulatory system," he said.

McCotter was asked about the president's call for the parties to work together. He said that the president does a disservice in calling the differences between the parties "personality differences."

"He hasn't changed his position at all," McCotter said. "He wants the LBJ policies, the Great Society programs of the '60s,

which didn't work, and I want the policies of Ronald Reagan. I just believe he's wrong."

U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Michigan, said in a prepared statement that transforming the economy to create new jobs and improving economic security for middle-class families was the most important issue in Michigan.

"I was very glad to hear President Obama focus on these priorities," Stabenow said. She was pleased that Obama embraced the idea of a trade enforcement unit to help crack down on countries that violate trade laws. Stabenow wrote a bill to create a trade enforcement unit years

ago. She hoped the idea would become a reality this year.

"American manufacturing is growing again thanks to new innovations and technology breakthroughs — with Michigan businesses and entrepreneurs leading the nation in clean energy patents and advanced battery research and production," Stabenow said. "I have been focused on promoting Michigan's strengths like agriculture, advanced batteries, clean energy and other 21st century manufacturing, and the more the public and private sectors work together to make things and grow things, the stronger Michigan's future will be."

Film encourages patron texting

People generally bristle at the sight of someone whipping out their cell phone in a movie theatre auditorium. If you're attending the Laugh Out Loud Short Film Fest, screening at theatres next week, you'll be asked to do just that.

"Our film is a compilation of 17 short comedies," says Joe Edick, Director of the Laugh Out Loud Short Film Fest. "While it's typically a distraction and regarded as rude behavior, our audiences will be using their cell phones during the end credits to vote for their favorite short comedy."

It's an unusual spin to the typical film festival product. Most festivals are held in a single location and show film over the course of several days - requiring a huge time commitment and expense.

"We've strung together 17 short comedies from six different countries," said Edick. "The time commitment is just under two hours and it's screening at traditional movie theatres — not makeshift venues that are often found on the traditional film festival circuit."

Filmmakers submit their work to festivals around the world hoping to gain notoriety that leads into a feature film career.

"Every filmmaker dreams of having their work seen at theatres across the country on the same screens as the big budget Hollywood blockbusters," said Edick. "We're simply helping them get in front of traditional theatre audiences a little quicker."

Two awards will be given to filmmakers by the Laugh Out Loud Short

Film Fest. An award for Best Short Comedy is being judged by six industry film-booking professionals from the motion picture industry. Audiences attending the LOL Short Film Fest will ultimately determine the Audience Choice Award.

"At the end of the film, information appears on-screen telling movie-goers how to text-vote for their favorite short," Edick said. "Vote totals from each city will be added together to determine the winner. The text voting is going to be fun for the audience and definitely won't be a distraction."

The 2012 Laugh Out Loud Short Film Fest opens Friday at select theatres throughout the country and will complete its theatrical run by March 29.

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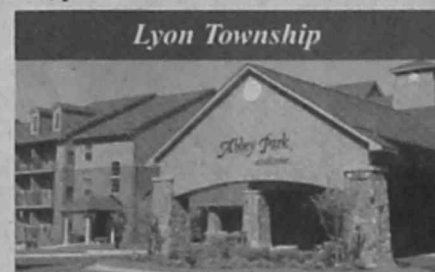
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Festival puts fun on ice

Mother Nature cooperated by providing good weather, and the carvers and the crowds did the rest as the 30th annual Plymouth Ice Festival closed last weekend. Thousands of people crowded the streets of downtown Plymouth for the milestone event, taking advantage of decent temperatures to see the dozens of sculptures crafted by professional and college carvers. People came from all over the state, and even outside of Michigan's borders (there was reportedly one travel bus from Fort Wayne, Ind.), to view the event.



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Randy Cline and daughter Cristina watch carvers on Saturday afternoon. They are from Birmingham.



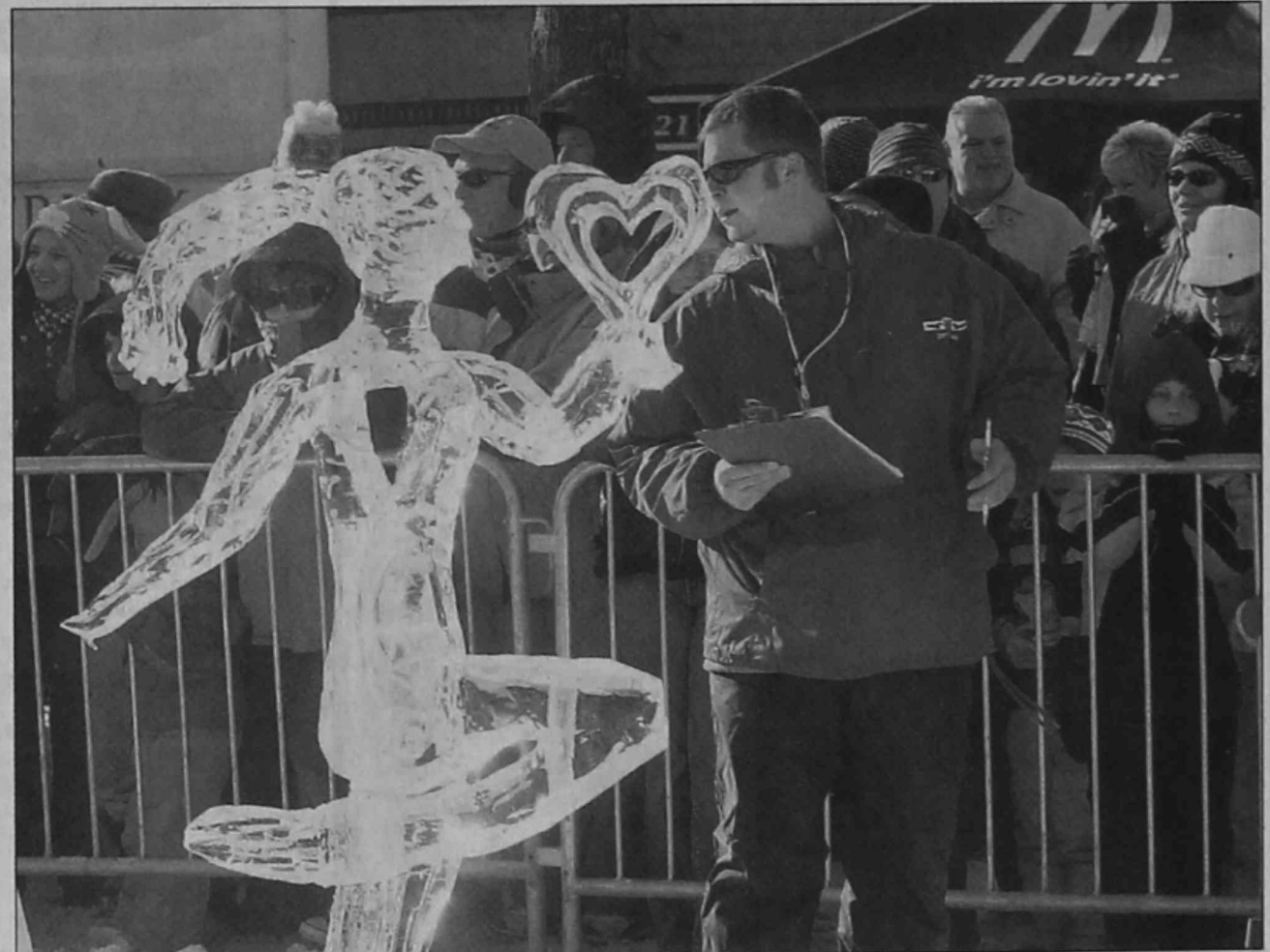
A sunny day and tolerable temperatures bring out the crowds on Saturday afternoon.



George Harvell welcomes visitors to Plymouth.



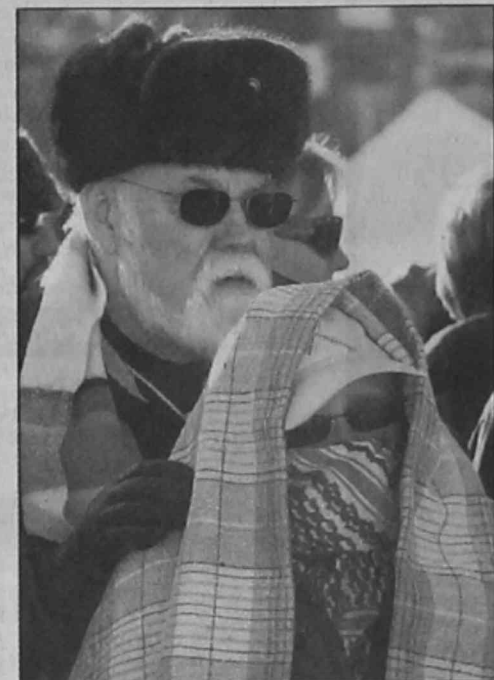
Sculptor Jim Bur hones his sculpture.



Ice judge Jeff Petercsak examines the works of ice.



Ice carver Aaron Whitten sizes up his sculpture.



Don and Joy Crawford are ready for the chilly walk around Kellogg Park.



It's made of ice, but looks like it could fly away.

Don't just forget about U.S. savings bonds

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

I recently sat down with a woman whose husband had just passed away. As is all too common, their financial affairs were all over the place and it was hard to know what their assets and liabilities were. After reviewing tax returns and a variety of statements, I was able to get a good idea of the family's financial situation.

As I was going through the contents of their safety deposit box, I discovered a substantial amount of U.S. savings bonds. In looking at the bonds, there were two problems that, unfortunately, are very common. The first problem was that the bonds did not have any beneficiaries. The problem is that while you are not required to have a beneficiary, the widow is forced to go through a probate



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

the more you keep judges, courts and lawyers out of family affairs, the better things are.

The other problem was the fact that the bonds had matured and were no longer paying interest. On average, the bonds had matured more than 10 years ago so, for the last decade, they paid no interest. The result is that the family had lost thousands of dollars in interest. Unfortunately, this is a situation that occurs all too frequently. Many people buy U.S. savings bonds, put

process to have the savings bonds put in her name. My philosophy is, avoid probate whenever you can. I believe

them in a drawer or safety deposit box, and then forget about them. This is OK as long as the bonds have not matured. The problem is, once they mature, you no longer receive interest. In other words, you're giving the government an interest-free loan.

I know some people don't cash out their U.S. savings bonds because they don't want to have to pay the taxes. U.S. savings bonds are subject to income tax once they are liquidated. The strategy of not cashing the bonds in because you don't want to pay taxes is one that makes no sense whatsoever. After all, it's not like you can avoid the tax. Even if you do not cash the bonds out and you pass away, when your beneficiaries cash the bonds, they will have to pay the income taxes. In addition, there is also a little-known rule that says that if you have not cashed out

your U.S. savings bonds before maturity, taxes are then due in the year the bond matures. Therefore, if the Internal Revenue Service decided to aggressively enforce this provision, it could result in many taxpayers having to pay not only the taxes, but interest and penalties as well. To my knowledge, the IRS does not have plans to aggressively enforce this provision, but who knows what it may do in the future?

The bottom line is if you are holding on to matured U.S. savings bonds, cash them, pay the taxes and move on.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit his website at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

Recovery of stolen autos up in 2011, H.E.A.T. reports

Since its inception in 1985, Livonia-based Help Eliminate Auto Thefts (H.E.A.T.) has been working in partnership with citizens and law enforcement to keep Michigan communities safe from the dangers and expense associated with auto theft-related crimes.

To date across its 26-year-history, H.E.A.T. has managed more than 9,100 anonymous tip calls and website submissions, which have led to the recovery of more than 4,400 vehicles valued at over \$54 million. As a result, more than 3,500 suspects have been arrested and more than 2,200 tipsters have been awarded some \$3.7 million for their information.

In 2011, H.E.A.T. saw an increase over its

2010 statistics across nearly every category. Additionally, the number of tips paid, the amount of tips awarded and the value of property recovered all saw increases over both 2010 and 2009 figures.

From Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2011, H.E.A.T. managed 338 tip calls, which led to the recovery of 97 vehicles (up from 77 in 2010) valued at over \$1.6 million (up from approximately \$90,000 in 2010 and \$89,000 in 2009). Seventy-seven suspects were arrested and 55 anonymous tipsters received rewards valued at nearly \$117,000 (a nearly 30 percent increase from last year).

The organization recently unveiled a revamped website at www.1800242HEAT.com.

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Community gathers to remember Kent Morton

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

Fawn Salvatore knows there was a smile on her son Kent Morton's face Sunday afternoon when a community came together Sunday afternoon to remember him as a great father, a great son and a great friend.

"Kent would have loved to see everyone come out for his daughter," Salvatore said. "I know he was looking down and I know he was smiling."

An estimated 1,500 people filled the chapel and visiting rooms at the John Santieu and Son Funeral Home in Garden City for the memorial service held to remember Kent Morton who died Jan. 11 after a fall from the Ambassador Bridge where he had been working. He survived the 150-foot fall into the Detroit River and even managed to swim briefly before being carried off by the current. He was last seen near the Bob-Lo docks south of the bridge. His body has not been recovered.

"He was so caring," said his aunt Lisa Zube who passed out memorial folders to people waiting to enter the crowded chapel. "He would do anything for anybody. He was very family oriented."

Zube wore an orange Garden City Cougars sweatshirt, and many of those standing in line



Fawn Salvatore, Makayla Morton and Kristi Waltsgett hug each other during the memorial.

also wore orange, Kent Morton's favorite color. Even funeral director John Santieu hung up his suit coat to put on a long-sleeved orange jacket and Pastor Earl Duncan wore an orange Detroit Tigers T-shirt under his sports coat.

Poster boards filled with photos of a smiling Kent Morton were set up in the chapel, and his number 11 orange

and white softball shirts and softball were on display. Orange ribbons with his initials and the word Hope on them were available as well as a card with a message from his daughter Makayla:

*To Daddy,
I miss you and I love you!
You are the best Dad
any little girl could ask for.*

In talking about his brother, a tearful Shane

Morton recounted what happened when he told his niece Makayla her father wasn't coming back.

"She said, 'My daddy's surrounded by angels and they have white wings, my daddy is an angel and he has orange wings,'" he said. "He leaves some huge shoes. He was an amazing man, an amazing father."

Pastors Earl and Jordan

MORTON BENEFITS

Time/Date: 2-6 p.m. Sunday, March 4
Location: Albert's on the Alley, 5651 Middlebelt, north of Ford Road, Garden City
Details: The Friends of Fawn Salvatore are holding a buffet with food and a raffle. Kids are more than welcome. Tickets are \$20 per person and are available by pre-sale only. No tickets will be sold at the door the day of the event. Tickets will be sold from 4-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31, in front of IMC during the Read-In at the Memorial Elementary 1-2 Campus, at the corner of Brandt and Marquette. They also will be available in the school office at Memorial from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday, starting next week through Feb. 29.
Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25
Location: Westland Bowl, 5940 N. Wayne Road, north of Ford Road, Westland
Details: Tickets cost \$20 per person for three games, shoes and pizza. Check-in is at 8 p.m.
Contact: Mike Lesperance at (734) 536-6066 or Will Hamilton at (734) 716-3329

Duncan of Morning Star Church officiated the memorial which included readings from Scriptures and messages from friends.

"Kent would want you to laugh, he would want you to rejoice," said Pastor Jacob Duncan who read several remembrances, many of which have been posted on an In Memory of Kent Morton Facebook page.

One friend recalled when he and Kent Morton had strung fishing line through the Commons of Garden City High School the last day of their senior year.

"We saw the principal coming and we ran and hide," the message read. "The bell rang and people came running to get out of school. Some fell and some got caught in our web, including the principal."

Many of the messages also attested to Kent Morton's love of his daughter.

"The only one thing I can say is he was in love with his daughter Makay-

la," one message stated. "I know this to be true, Kent was a great dad," another stated.

Makayla and her cousin Summer Morton stood on chairs to reach the microphone and sang the chapters of the New Testament, which she had learned in the Pioneers Club at Morning Star Church. They then performed a Garden City Stars cheer and stood by Shane Morton as he spoke to the crowd about his brother.

"All of you tell me you're sorry, but I don't feel sorry for me," Shane Morton said. "I feel sorry those who lost a friend. I feel sorry for those who lost a great family member. I feel sorry for my mom who lost her son way too soon."

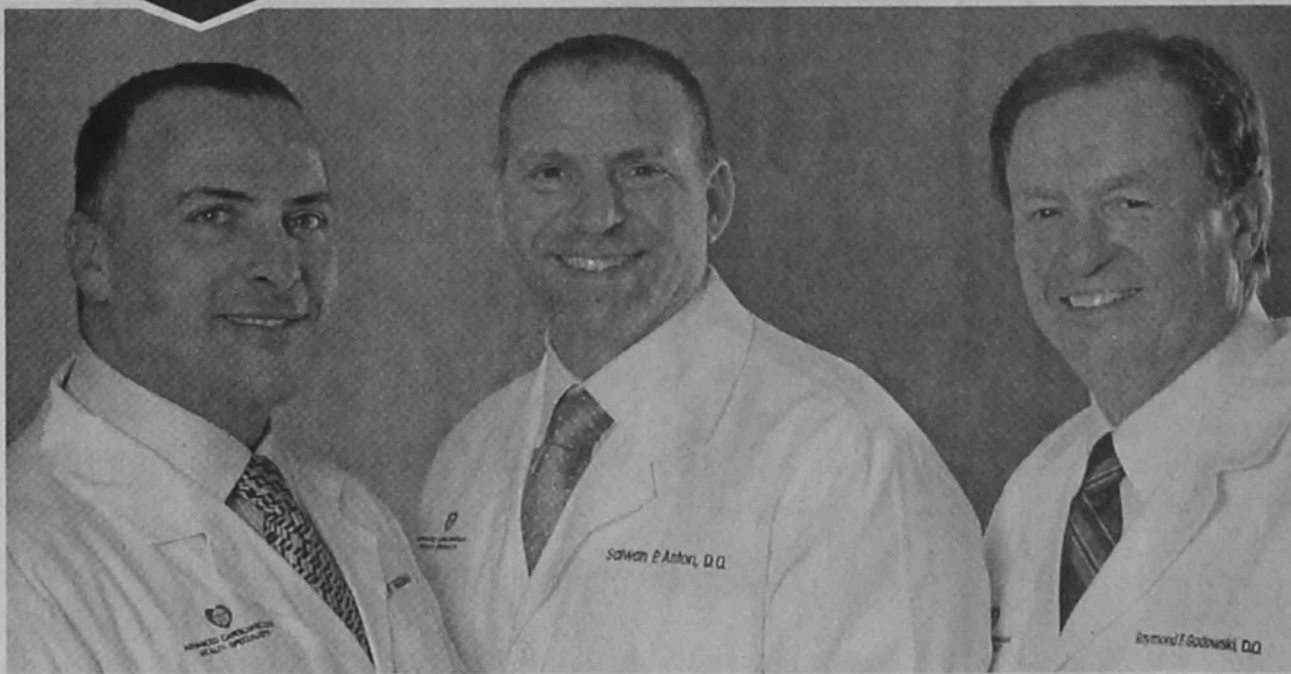
"Kent is gone, we're going to miss that smile. We'll never forget you, we love you, Kent."

Pastor Earl Duncan said he respected men like Kent Morton. In an age of deadbeat dads, he was doing what he was doing for his daughter, he said.

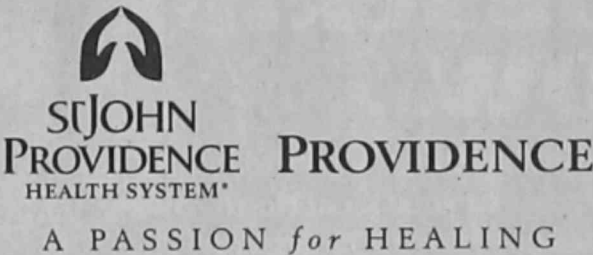
"I respect these kind of men who love these kids and do everything for them," he said. "Kent worked hard. He was a loving dad, a loving son. He made people laugh. I thank Fawn for giving us Kent. I'm sure his brothers and sisters thank you. His life was a gift to us all. Because of his acceptance of Jesus, I know where he is at."

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Across the country, numerous golf facilities participated in Play Golf America Days last year coordinated by The PGA of America, a national organization of more than 27,000 PGA Professionals who are the recognized experts in growing, teaching and managing the game of golf.

Play Golf America is a growth of the game initiative implemented by the PGA. Numerous programs were designed to create and foster the game through an affordable and accessible structure. Pheasant Run conducts many of these programs including Women's Golf Month (June) and Family Golf Month (July) which offer low cost solutions to those looking to get involved in the game.

Free weekly clinics accompany these two programs and are open to anyone looking to either begin or enhance their golfing careers. Other programs include Get Golf Ready, which takes



TOM HAWLEY

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golfers from novice to golf ready in five weekly sessions, and Free Lesson Month (May) where golfers receive a free 10 minute lesson from the local PGA Professional. Pheasant Run's programs through Play Golf America drew more than 700 participants in 2011.

Pheasant Run will be honored as one of Play Golf America's Top 100 Performers of 2011 on

Friday, Jan. 27, at a special ceremony during The PGA of America's Merchandise Show in Orlando, Florida. Honorees were selected to be part of this very distinguished list based on results from a comparison of various player development programs hosted during these special events.

Pheasant Run Golf Club, designed by world renowned golf course

architect Arthur Hills, is part of the Arthur Hills Michigan Golf Trail. The 27-hole layout, located at 46500 Summit Parkway in Canton, covers more than 300 acres of rolling terrain and traverses over 10.5 miles.

To find more information about this Play Golf America Top Performer Award or Pheasant Run Golf Club, visit golfprgc.org or call (734) 397-6460.

CANTON BUSINESS BRIEFS

Duo-Gard director

Canton-based Duo-Gard Industries Inc., has announced the appointment of Tim Metcalfe as Director of Sustainable Technologies. In this newly created position, Metcalfe will lead the company's progress into total building modeling, including daylight modeling. The company said it will also announce a new series of services in the near future.



Metcalfe

staff and our customers with information that goes beyond the sale to reach goals in energy savings, interior comfort and health improvement."

Miller said Duo-Gard will explore the cause-and-effect relationships that impact sustainable building technologies and overall building strategies in all climates and site conditions. This involves integrating combinations of technologies that impact total building performance.

Free dental

Livonia dentists Brian Jacobson and Allyn Young are hosting the Children's Dental Health Project, offering a free exam, cleaning and fluoride treatment to children between the ages of 3 and 13 who do not have dental insurance or government assistance of any kind.

The project takes place 9 a.m. to noon Friday, Feb. 3, at their dental practice, located at 31550 Schoolcraft in Livonia.

A goodie bag of dental supplies and prizes will be given to each child, along with information and demonstrations on proper oral health care.

There are a limited number of spaces; for registration and more information, call (734) 522-6770.

New associate

Plante Moran, PLLC, named Nick Tochman of Canton an associate in the firm's Southfield office.



Tochman

He is also active in the American Cancer Society, where he is a member of the Associate Baron's Council.

CANTON CHAMBER CHAT

Dinner auction

The Canton Chamber Annual Dinner Auction takes place 7 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at Burton Manor in Livonia. This year's theme is "Made in Detroit." The décor will include Detroit's sports teams, Motown, Casinos and everything in-between.

Chamber officials called the auction a "fun night for socializing and networking with key businesses and community leaders in a social setting."

Tickets for the Auction are \$75 per person, which includes entrance to the event, dinner, premium bar, raffles, live & silent Auction, DJ and entertainment.

Sponsorship opportunities are available at various levels and include event tickets and spon-

sorship recognition, along with a prize purchased in the business name (sponsorship form is available on the chamber website; go to forms & flyers).

The prize committee is looking for donations such as gift certificates, appliances, electronics, patio furnishings, jewelry, video equipment, gift baskets, travel vouchers, restaurant certificates, event tickets and sports equipment, for raffles and the live auction.

For more information on please contact the Chamber office at (734) 453-4040.

First Friday

The First Friday Club meets 8:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 3, at the Canton Chamber of Commerce office, located at 45525 Hanford in Canton.

It's an opportunity for

one-on-one networking in a small group setting. This networking event is limited to 10 separate businesses plus two sponsors. Participants should bring business cards, flyers, etc., to share with the group. Participation in this networking event is limited to once per quarter.

To make a reservation, call (734) 453-4040 or e-mail admin@cantonchamber.com.

Ribbon cuttings

The Canton Chamber celebrated one ribbon-cutting ceremony this week, and expects another next week.

On Tuesday, owners cut the ribbon at Robertson Brothers, located at 3523 Shepherd Lane, located at the northeast corner of Geddes and Beck.

Then, at 1 p.m. Satur-

day, Jan. 28, the ribbon will be cut for a grand opening celebration at Agape Accounting and Credit Solutions.

Agape is located at 7282 N. Sheldon (between Joy and Warren). The ribbon cutting takes place at 1 p.m., with the grand opening celebration running 1-3 p.m.



Metro Health Foundation of Detroit recently awarded Hope Medical Clinic, Inc. a grant of \$20,000. Pictured are (from left) Mary Dekker, Hope Wayne Clinic Coordinator; Lillie Tabor, president of Metro Health's Board of Trustees; Geri Hochbaum, Hope Wayne Clinic Office Manager; and Dorothy Elliott, RN, Hope Clinic board member.

Foundation awards grant to Hope Wayne Clinic

Metro Health Foundation of Detroit recently awarded Hope Medical Clinic, Inc. a grant of \$20,000. The grant will help support the part-time Wayne Medical Clinic Coordinator as she works to expand the services provided by Hope's satellite medical clinic in western Wayne County.

Based on the model of Hope Medical Clinic in Ypsilanti, the Wayne clinic provides free medical care to low-income, uninsured adults. All treatment is provided by volunteer medical professionals, supported by a small paid staff. St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia provides laboratory services, and x-rays. Referrals for specialty treatment are available through Hope's Ypsilanti

Medical Clinic.

Hope opened the Wayne satellite clinic in August 2007 in borrowed space in a church basement. In May 2010 the clinic moved to its own building on Chestnut St. in Wayne. On Dec. 29, 2010, an explosion occurred in the building adjoining the Wayne Clinic. No one was in the clinic at the time of the explosion, and the clinic's medical records, equipment, and supplies were largely unharmed.

The building was declared structurally unsound hence the clinic was forced to move again. Since February 2011 the Hope Wayne Clinic has leased an office suite at the Metro Place Mall, located at 35425 W. Michigan Ave-

nue in Wayne.

The Metro Health grant will help the Wayne Clinic grow its services during the coming year.

Plans are underway for the return of the clinic to a permanent home. A major goal is to recruit more volunteer clinicians who provide patient care, allowing more patients to be seen at each clinic session. The Clinic Coordinator will also work toward recruiting more specialty-care providers, strengthening church partnerships, and increasing services for clinic patients at area hospitals.

For more information about clinic hours, services, or volunteer opportunities at the Hope Wayne Clinic, please call (734) 710-6688.

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OUR VIEWS

Canton gets it

Cultural events show diversity understanding

In a community where the cultural variety grows by the year, it's important to not only recognize, but welcome, celebrate and nurture, that diversity.

And few communities do it as well as Canton.

First, Canton took the time to remember the accomplishments and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., whose vision was of a world where children and adults of all races could nourish equality and respect as they shed the shackles of brutal discrimination that once scarred a nation.

And while studies still indicate that a disproportionate number of African Americans and other minorities face poverty and other societal ills, Canton's observance of King's birthday revealed that hope still reigns.

Of course, it helps when even our young people get it, like 8-year-old Shelbi Hogan, who said of King: "It took a lot of courage for him to do all those speeches and boycotts. He had so much courage." Shelbi's 11-year-old sister gets it, too, taking part (with Sofia Greggio) in reciting King's biography.

And Canton gets it. The ceremony wasn't simply a people reciting King's platitudes and a showing of his "I Have a Dream" speech. The celebration was much more than that, including a diverse crowd that joined in singing *America the Beautiful* and *Lift Every Voice and Sing*, and a performance by the New Hope Church Choir. Deborah Smith Pollard, an associate professor of English literature at the University of Michigan-Dearborn and the host of her own gospel music radio show, traced the role spiritual songs had in the civil rights movement.

Then on Saturday a large, enthusiastic crowd gathered again, this time at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill — which has become a leader in promoting community events of all kinds — for Canton's annual International Festival.

And while an energetic contrast to the more ceremonial texture of the King celebration, the International Festival does just as good a job of honoring the community's cultural diversity.

The festival used song and dance from various cultural groups to pull it off. Those in the audience enjoyed choral performances by the New Century Chinese School and the Plymouth Canton Chinese Learning Center. There were dancers and a Pipa solo, and even a performance from opera singer Jesus Murillo.

After the King celebration, co-chair ReGina Shamberger said the tribute was "important" here and across the nation, and she's right. King, she pointed out, lost his life pushing his dream of equality and democracy. The least we can do is honor the sacrifice.

She also said two things about embracing diversity: "We've come a long way and still have a long way to go," and "There's always hope."

Events like these — especially when they engage our young people — show that Shamberger is right.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Lu Xu, with the New Century Chinese School, rehearses a traditional Tibetan dance, before going on stage at Saturday's International Festival in Canton.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Do you plan to vote in the Feb. 28 presidential preference primary? If so, have you decided on a candidate?

We asked this question at Summit on the Park.



"I'm a registered Democrat, so probably not (because President Obama is unopposed)." **Evan Mirsky**
Canton



"Yes, I do. I haven't decided (on a candidate) at this time." **Jim Stager**
Canton



"Definitely yes. I haven't decided (which candidate) yet. It's iffy." **Mary Ann Stager**
Canton



"No." **Holly Thomas**
Canton

LETTERS

Excerpt challenge

I challenge you to post (excerpts) on the front page in the *Observer* from that trash of a novel, *Beloved*, written at a sixth-grade reading level, I might add.

Obviously other options are available and, in fact, have been chosen at schools far superior to P-CEP (Catholic Central, for one). Amazing how you support the liberal agenda time after time.

You might also want to publish something on why the board incumbents were bounced out and on their way wondering why charter schools have waiting lists of 1,000-plus students while P-CCS continue to head downward via death spiral.

G. Gordon
Canton

Best wishes

The holidays are often a time of joy and good tidings as friends and family get together to share the spirit of the season. This past holiday was indeed a welcome break from the hustle and bustle of my first year as a Michigan state senator.

I found that it was very easy to get distracted from what is truly important in life as I ran from meeting to meeting or switched from phone call to phone call. In order to keep me focused throughout the year on what is really important in this hectic environment, I posted a plaque with the following reminder in the entrance of my office: "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable — if anything is excellent or praiseworthy — think about such things." (Phil. 4:8)"

I am happy to say that Christine at the Veterinary Emergency Service in Plymouth was all of the above for my wife and I on the night of Dec. 23. Our 16-year-old dog and family friend of 15 years, Rastro, passed away before our very eyes in front of the Christmas tree. With heavy hearts, we brought the lifeless body of Rastro into the lobby of the veterinary office. Christine welcomed us into a side room where she checked his vital signs and confirmed that he was indeed dead.

As we stood there in grief, she gave us each a hug. She then proceeded to tell us not to worry about a thing. She would take care of everything from that point forward. In the midst of overwhelming grief, we experienced overwhelming warmth and kindness from a complete stranger.

So as we begin 2012, I encourage all of us to not only "focus on whatever is true, whatever is noble," but also to tell someone about it. There are so many people in our community like Christine that go about the day providing joy and comfort in ways that are above and beyond the call of duty. Too often we focus on the bad and the ugly.

I encourage us all to shed a little bit of light on the good in people that we come across each day.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters by the following formats:

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Deadline: Letters should be received by 9 a.m. Monday to be published in the Thursday edition.

Best wishes to your readers for a wonderful new year!

Patrick Colbeck
state senator

Bunch of hicks?

I have been following the book banning issue in Canton with disappointment and embarrassment. My initial reaction was that our Board of Education made a terrible mistake in appointing Dr. Jeremy Hughes as superintendent. We are a progressive community so how did they appoint someone that obviously belongs in a much less progressive school system, maybe a system in our country where *Huckleberry Finn* is still on the banned list.

We moved to Canton many years ago specifically because the school system here had such a great reputation. We wanted our children to be prepared for the tough and complicated world they would soon be facing as adults and we heard that this school system did an exceptional job. My children, products of PCEP, are now adults with college degrees, fantastic occupations and children of their own. They were just as appalled as I was when they heard about the commotion stirred up by parents of a single student and in how far the matter was allowed to grow and develop.

Some parents are notoriously ignorant of what really goes on in their teenager's world, still imagining that their children live in a world strangely shielded from the vulgarities of the real world. These types of parents do their children more harm than good in their naive but well-intentioned attempts to keep them somehow insulated against the wicked world.

My problem with these parents is not how they raise their own children, but in the fact that they are trying to tell the rest of us how to raise ours. My problem is also with the people in charge of our children's education and how they reacted to this non-issue by making it into an issue that makes us all look like a bunch of hicks.

I think we all owe it to our kids and our grandkids to pay more

attention to who we elect to watch over our school system.

Janusz M. Szyszko
Canton

Slippery slope

As someone who grew up in Plymouth, attending school K-12 and taught at P-CEP during three decades, I am concerned removal of scholarly texts *Beloved* and *Waterland* from AP courses are an attack on the rigor of advanced studies.

Tactics used, based on reading of small excerpts which are characterized as "pornography," could easily be applied to outlaw even the Bible. Not only are AP students having books yanked out of their hands, due process of board policy is still not being followed for *Waterland*. This book is treated as guilty until proven innocent — the American way?

This is the proverbial "slippery slope." My point being that one can conjure fear and create divisiveness about a great many things: prize-winning college texts written by Nobel scholars, best-selling holy books, etc. If I am afraid that my son/daughter in AP chemistry might choose to make an incendiary device, in AP biology might discover how to inflict pain on an animal, in AP history may admire excerpts from *Mein Kampf*, in AP physics develop curiosity about atomic devices, in AP computing might create a damaging virus, in AP French might encounter writings of the Marquis de Sade, or in reading Genesis 19:30-36 might be inspired to behave as Lot's daughters — then is the problem with the complex nature of the studies and the world we live in or is the problem with the fear we have encouraged within ourselves and the distrust we have in our own upbringing of our children?

And if it is the latter, isn't that a private matter for a family to deal with, instead of foisting private fears on the majority of us who want our children to learn from the top scholars and texts?

My further concern is for the superintendent to more diligently follow rules in clear view of school children who are also asked to follow rules. I am also disheartened that board member Maloney was quoted calling the process of selecting these two books a "failure." The committees reviewing the texts had not even met and a board member has found "failure." Can't there be a genuine coming together of board and administration to support rigor of studies and the highly qualified staff at P-CEP in their selection of materials? One parent's fear or a board member's careless comment should not trump due process, scholarly texts and professional staff.

Embarrassing the school district and dumbing down of the curriculum do not serve community interests.

Jerry Thompson
Plymouth

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Attorney general: More police, tougher sentences needed

By Ken Abramczyk
Observer Staff Writer

State Attorney General Bill Schuette has called for putting 1,000 new police officers on patrol and keeping violent repeat offenders who have committed four felonies off the streets with a minimum 25-year sentence.

Schuette announced the public safety initiative on Wednesday and was joined by Linda Nehasil, widow of murdered Livonia Police Officer Larry Nehasil; Detroit Chief of Police Ralph Godbee, former Livonia Police Chief Robert Stevenson, county prosecutors, and representatives from the Police Officers Association of Michigan and the Fraternal Order of Police.

"With four of the top 10 most violent cities in America, Michigan will never fully flourish unless our governments can fulfill their basic task: protecting public safety," said Schuette in a prepared statement. "When families and job creators live in fear, no student can learn, no company will create a job, and no family can walk the streets of their own neighborhood in peace. It is time to put more cops on the beat and remove our most violent repeat offenders from our neighborhood streets."

Targeting repeat felons

Schuette also proposed legislation known as VO-4, which targets the worst repeat violent offenders by establishing a minimum prison sentence of at least 25 years for criminals convicted of a serious violent crime after already being convicted of any three felonies.

Schuette referenced the cases of four convicted murder-



FILE PHOTO

State Attorney General Bill Schuette proposed legislation requiring minimum 25-year sentences for the worst repeat violent offenders.

ers with lengthy felony records who would have been behind bars had the VO-4 sentencing provision been in place at the time of their fourth felony conviction. Schuette highlighted the case of Terry Bowling, 49, who was convicted of second-degree murder and other crimes for his role in a home invasion in which Livonia Police Officer Larry Nehasil was killed in the line of duty last year. Nehasil died in an exchange of gunfire with Terry Bowling's brother, David Bowling, while working surveillance on the two suspects during a burglary in Walled Lake. Prior to facing the second-

degree murder charge, Terry Bowling had six felony convictions and nine misdemeanors. Under Schuette's proposal, Bowling would have faced a possible minimum of 25 years in prison after his fourth conviction for armed robbery in 1999, which occurred more than 10 years before the death of Officer Nehasil. Stevenson, now executive director of the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, said Schuette visited the Nehasil family at the funeral home to offer condolences to them after Larry was killed. Stevenson said Schuette started looking at the law after that visit.

"Bowling was one of four felons that had gone out and committed murder," Stevenson said. "Had the law been in effect, he and the others would not have been out on the street. All of them would have been in jail."

Some felons can't be rehabilitated, Stevenson said.

"There just comes a time you say, 'We've done what we can for you,' and we need to protect us from them," Stevenson said.

Costs need to be studied

Stevenson said details still need to be worked out, including how the state will pay for additional police officers.

Stevenson said there are 3,200 fewer officers in Michigan since Sept. 11, 2001. Communities have been forced to cut officers because of declining property values at a time when four of the top 10 most violent cities in the country are located in Michigan.

When crime hits these larger cities, it also impacts nearby communities, Stevenson said. "Detroit crime is Livonia crime, which is Walled Lake's crime," Stevenson said. "It's time to reduce those numbers by putting 1,000 officers on the streets."

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Watkins one of finalists for Florida job

Tom Watkins, a Northville resident and former Michigan schools superintendent was selected Jan. 18 as one of four finalists to be interviewed to lead the nation's 11th largest school district — Palm Beach County, Fla.

Watkins served as Michigan's state superintendent of schools from 2001-2005 and was the president and CEO of the Economic Council of Palm Beach County, 1996-2001.

Watkins also took on the extra duty of serving on the Detroit School Board simultaneously with his term of state superintendent. He oversaw Michigan's implementation of No Child Left Behind and tossed out a state-wide accreditation system developed by his predecessor that was solely based on Michigan's standardized test.

Watkins said at the time, "Our schools, teachers and, most importantly, our students, are more



Watson

than the sum total of a single test given on a single day." He pulled together a coalition of educa-

tors, business leaders and other stakeholders and developed a new accreditation system that looked at not only test scores but other indicators of student success.

Watkins wrote a book, "They Help Us Paint Rainbows" that the business community underwrote that he distributed to recognize the many great teachers across our state.

Bill Cecil, Michigan's 2003-04 Teacher of the Year, praised Watkins for his focus on helping lift up teaching and learning. Cecil wrote in a reference letter for Watkins: "What impressed me most about Tom as an educational leader

was his ability to remain dedicated, committed and focused on the right things — teaching, learning and children."

Dr. Jeremy Hughes who served as Watkins chief academic officer and is now superintendent of Plymouth-Canton Schools, wrote in his reference letter: "Tom is the most creative, innovative, and child-centered educator I have ever known." Hughes went on to say Watkins is "a visionary" who thinks ahead of the crowd, sighting Watkins' 2004 report "Structural Problems Facing Michigan Schools in the 21st Century," that foreshadowed what is playing out in every school district in Michigan today.

Watkins, an international education and business consultant, said he is able to walk in multiple communities and is equally comfortable in the corporate board room and in our state's toughest neighborhoods.

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THE PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE TO AFFORD THE PUBLIC THE OPPORTUNITY TO PLACE BEFORE THE BOARD ANY PROPOSED USE OF THE 2012 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS.

PRELIMINARY INDICATIONS FROM THE WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM ARE THAT THE ESTIMATED 2012 FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR THE TOWNSHIP WILL BE APPROXIMATELY \$76,440. WAYNE COUNTY REQUIRES FOR 2012 THAT OUR REQUEST FOR PUBLIC SERVICE PROJECTS NOT EXCEED 15 % OF THE TOTAL ALLOCATION. BASED ON THAT SPECIAL REQUIREMENT THE PROJECTS ARE PROPOSED AS FOLLOWS:

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Senior Services		\$9,937
Council on Aging		\$7,713
Senior Alliance		\$2,224
Senior Transportation		\$26,754
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ADMINISTRATION	\$7,644	
Administration		\$7,644
BRICK & MORTAR	\$31,340	
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Annual invite to be hotly contested

OBSERVERLAND PREVIEW

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

There was little suspense during last year's 20th annual Observerland Invitational Wrestling Tournament after Novi-Detroit Catholic Central walked away with the title for the third straight year by scoring a record 336.5 points.

And apparently the nine-time champion Shamrocks, ranked No. 1 in Division 1 and 10th nationally, have bigger fish to fry this weekend as they'll be sending their 'A' or Blue varsity team to Lakeland, Ohio, for a four-team super dual tournament to face host St. Edwards, ranked No. 2 nationally, along with Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary and St. Johns, ranked No. 1 in Division 2.

The 21st Observerland features 16 area teams and starts with first-round action beginning at 9 a.m. this Saturday at Livonia Churchill.

No Canton

Although CC will still



Plymouth's Said Youssef (right), shown from earlier this season, is one of the Wildcats who could be a medal contender at the Observerland invite.

be dangerous, this year's tourney should feature a more balanced field for the team crown.

Among the teams vying to unseat CC are last year's runner-up Farm-

ington, third-place finisher Belleville, North Farmington, Farmington Harrison, Plymouth, Salem, Garden City, Redford Union, Lutheran High Westland, West-

land John Glenn, Wayne Memorial, Northville, Livonia Franklin, Livonia Stevenson and the host Chargers.

"I would think (Westland) John Glenn would

be the favorite," said Franklin coach Dave Chiola, whose formidable squad is returning to Observerland after

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Salem girls cagers win

Another big scoring night from Bri Berberet and Breanne Beaver's solid all-around performance lifted host Salem to a 41-32 varsity girls basketball victory Tuesday over Brighton.

Berberet followed up Friday's 24-point night against South Lyon with a 19-point effort against the Bulldogs.

Helping the cause with 12 points and 11 rebounds was Beaver, who Salem head coach Fred Thomann said "had a really nice rebounding game (and) did a great job."

The KLAA crossover teams played a tight game until the fourth, which began with Salem leading just 29-28.

Salem took control in the final quarter, with Beaver connecting on two field goals, Berberet hitting all four of her foul shots and Kelly Whalen and Katie Latack also making two free throws.

"It was a great win for us," said Thomann, whose team visits Northville at 7 p.m. Friday.

PCA drops MIAC tilt

The Plymouth Christian Academy boys basketball team lost 77-50 Tuesday to host Southfield Christian in a Michigan Independent Athletics Conference Blue Division matchup.

Struggles from the free-throw line (22-of-39) and 26 turnovers were costly for PCA (4-6), despite senior center Eric Jipping scoring 29 points and registering 14 rebounds.

Drew Ibach had five points and 15 rebounds.

The Eagles will host Allen Park Inter-City Baptist at 8:30 p.m. Friday in the second half of a homecoming doubleheader. The opener (7:15 p.m.) pits PCA and Inter-City Baptist girls varsity.

Pereira lifts Blazer icers

Livonia Ladywood moved closer to the .500 mark with a pair of Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League victories over the weekend at Plymouth's Arctic Edge as Hannah Pereira scored a total of eight goals.

On Saturday, the Blazers improved to 7-8 overall and 7-8 in the league with a 9-1 triumph over Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day as Pereira scored four goals to raise her season total to 20.

The Blazers, who out-shot Country Day 34-12, also got goals from Brittany Galvin, Erin Cronyn, Rana Freij, Katie Folk and Virginia Matherly.

Galvin also added two assists, while Jackie Kristofik, Lane Kolpacke, Rachel Fradette and Freij had one each.

Kelsey Thomas scored for the Yellowjackets in the third period to spoil Ladywood goaltender Sarah Koch's shutout bid.

Dana Mosa-Basha Cox came up with 23 saves for Country Day.

On Friday, Pereira scored four times in a 5-1 triumph over Northville (5-8, 4-7).

Freij added the other goal, while Erin Doyle, Matherly, Fradette, Folk, Freij and Galvin also drew assists.

Koch stopped 17-of-18 shots with Chloe Page's first-period goal the only one getting through.

Eagles soar from start

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Defensive heat scorched visiting Southfield Christian as Plymouth Christian Academy cruised from the opening tip Tuesday night in a Michigan Independent Athletics Conference-Blue Division girls basketball matchup.

The host Eagles jumped out to a 22-3 lead and went on to a 68-42 victory that never was in doubt.

"We just wanted to start off with pressure, get a couple turnovers early and get the ball in the basket," PCA head coach Carol Gerulis said. "I thought we did a good job with that."

Plymouth Christian (7-4 overall, 5-1 in the MIAC Blue) never had its lead shrink to fewer than 14 points through-

out the night, sparked by 19 steals and a 38-17 edge in the rebounding department.

Leading PCA with 18 points and 11 rebounds was sophomore center Jennifer Malcolm, with junior guard Karen Windle chipping in with 13 points and six steals.

In on the fun

The coach emptied the bench, with nine players making the scoresheet.

PCA's balanced attack also featured eight points from sophomore forward Rachel Smith, seven points, eight assists and seven steals from sophomore forward Emily Gerulis and seven points from sophomore guard Martha Mullett.

"My kids just play hard defense," coach Gerulis said. "They really get after it defensively and I think that's why we're

having the success we're having right now."

Scoring 18 points and tallying five rebounds for Southfield Christian (4-10, 2-4) was sophomore guard Charity Godbold.

"Charity Godbold works hard. She can score, is very creative on offense and she's an asset to our team," head coach Seena Allen said. "We have a lot of seniors that graduated last year, so she is leading the team as a whole."

Contributing 12 points for the visiting Eagles was senior forward Emily Thrasher, with sophomore Kelley Brooks adding nine.

The PCA lead was 22-8 after the first quarter and 40-25 at halftime, with Southfield Christian's hot shooting from

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Plymouth Christian Academy sophomore center Jennifer Malcolm (No. 25), shown from earlier this season, paced the Eagles Tuesday night with 18 points and 11 rebounds.

Penguins ice pesky Wild

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

After the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins defeated defending Division 1 champion Grosse Pointe South on Jan. 17, PCS head coach Mary Beth Johnson expected some kind of letdown by her team the next time out.

That was Saturday night against the Walled Lake Wild, who like the Penguins are a D2 team in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League.

But the Penguins still managed to earn a 5-3 victory at Suburban Ice-Farmington Hills.

Sparking PCS (6-2 overall, 5-0 in D2) was forward Nicole Natelborg, who scored three times and assisted on the other two (scored by linemate Jackie Lough, who also had two helpers).

"We definitely had that (hangover after a big win) going on," Johnson said. "We weren't sure



LORETTA O'FLYNN

Vying for a loose puck Saturday are Cortny McAdoo (right) of the PCS Penguins and Sidney Smith (No. 11) of Walled Lake.

how the girls were going to come out tonight after beating Grosse Pointe South.

"They (Wild) definitely matched us shift for shift in the first two periods and we needed to get our lines together and refocused for the third period."

Scoring all three goals for Walled Lake was defenseman Meryll Miller.

"She (Miller) is a good player," Johnson said. "I

know she's played with some of the travel girls on our team.

"The girls know her, she knows our girls. I think it was a battle to see who could put the most pucks in the net."

Tough in clutch

Earning the win in goal for the Penguins was sophomore Becky Lough, who made several clutch saves after Miller tied

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Canton tops at Huron Valley

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

If Saturday's Huron Valley Invitational is any indication, there could be two gymnastics teams from the Park in contention for postseason success.

Last year's state runner-up, Canton, won the 19-team invite at Milford with a score of 143.85. That edged second-place Farmington (142.95) and third-place Salem (141.725).

Teams topping the 140-point mark are considered solid bets to reach the state meet.

The Chiefs followed that up Tuesday, defeating Livonia Red by a score of 137.275-127.40.

"The state meet, there are four regions, they take top three teams," Canton head coach John Cunningham said. "If there's a fourth-place

team scoring 140 or better, and that's the best score of any of the other fourth-place teams, that team also goes."

Canton looks to be in that mix, and Cunningham tipped his cap to the Rocks.

"Salem broke 140 earlier," he said. "They've got a good team, a nice team."

Canton took the top spot despite several key gymnasts dealing with nagging injuries. Jocelyn Moraw missed the event with a hand injury, while Division 1 stand-outs Melissa Green and Ayana Lewis (defending D2 vault state champion) were hampered by back injuries.

"Without Jocelyn, I thought we could probably be third or fourth, because Farmington was there and a couple other good teams," Cunningham said. "I was really proud of these guys."

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a one-year hiatus along with Glenn. "CC is bringing their 'B' team, but I think they will still have enough talent to be considered one of the teams to beat.

"I'm sorry Canton won't be there because they have some great individuals. I would think Wayne and Northville will be in the mix also. I have not seen or heard anything from the Farmington schools, but I know they always have some good kids."

Plymouth gears up

Plymouth head coach Quinn Guernsey is optimistic that his Wildcats "could be fielding (our) strongest team of the season and will be looking to compete for the team championship along with having a number of individuals with the ability to place high in the tournament."

He listed Brandon Harris, Mohammed Youssef, Trey Berry, Chase Kallil, Jon Conn, Hussein Youssef and Said Youssef as "expected medalists for the Wildcats. Many other upper weights for Plymouth will be trying to get onto the podium as well."

Guernsey likes the

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EXTRAVAGANZA

What: 21st annual Observerland Wrestling Tournament.

When: Saturday, Jan. 28 (first-round matches start at 9 a.m.; with finals at approximately 5 p.m.)

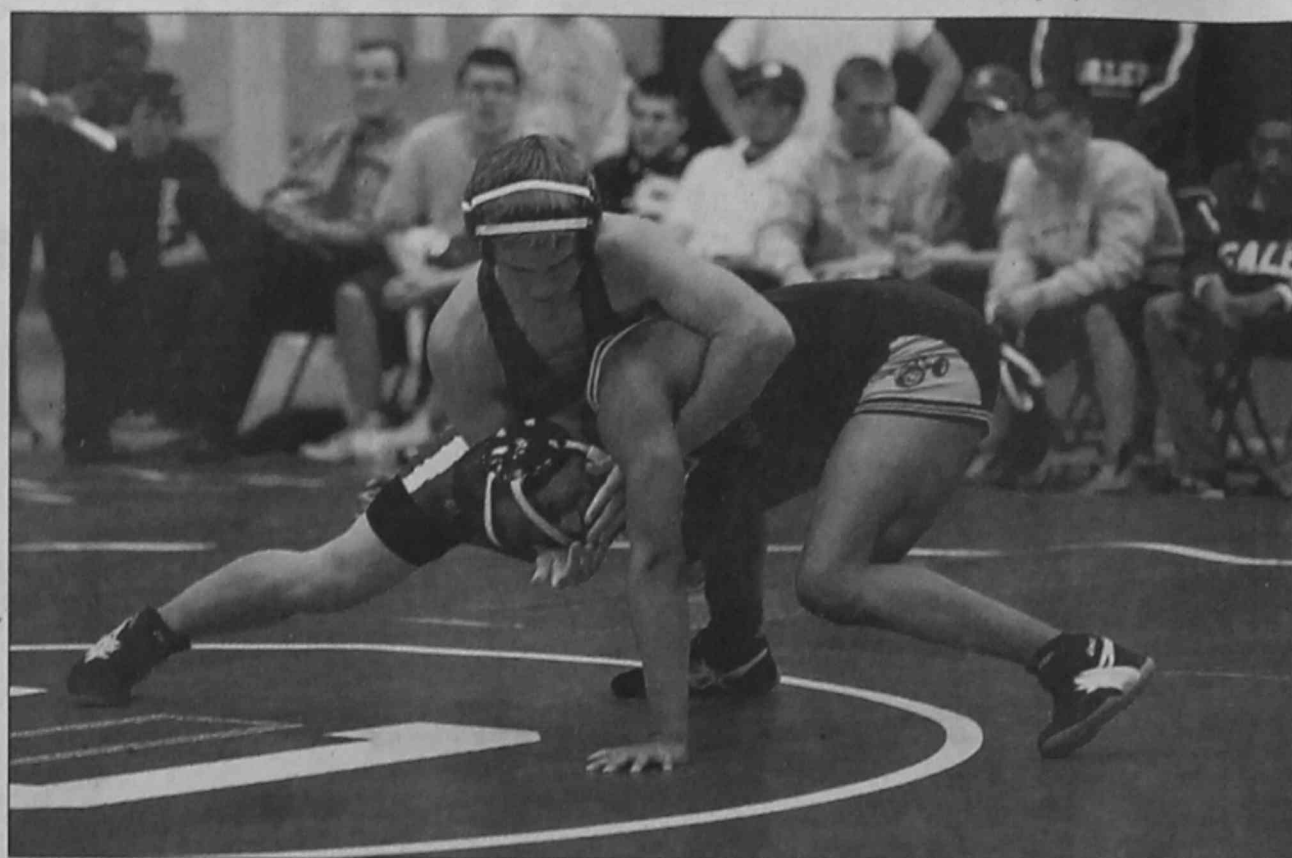
Where: Livonia Churchill H.S., 8900 Newburgh Road (between Joy Road and Ann Arbor Trail).

Admission (all day): \$5 (youth and family discounts available).

Participating schools: Livonia Churchill, Franklin, Stevenson, Farmington, Farmington Harrison, North Farmington, Garden City, Redford Union, Plymouth, Salem, Lutheran High Westland, Westland John Glenn, Wayne Memorial, Belleville, Northville, Novi-Detroit Catholic Central.

Past champions: Catholic Central (1993, '96, '99, 2000, '02, '03, '09, '10, '11); Franklin (2005, '06, '07); Stevenson (1994, '95, '97); Canton (2001, '08); Churchill and John Glenn (2004); Salem (1998), Farmington (1992).

chances of his team at Observerland because it did so well at the recent Wayne County Championships (fourth place) despite only having 10 wrestlers. This time



Salem's Riley Duxtader (left) will be looking to make some noise at Saturday's Observerland invite. Duxtader is shown from earlier this season.

around, Plymouth will bring a bigger roster to the mats.

CC still strong

Last year CC placed 11 of 14 in the finals and came away with nine individual champions.

The 2011-12 Shamrocks, coming off an upset 27-24 dual loss to Lowell on Saturday at Holt, will still bring a talented squad led by T.J.

Hagan (125 pounds) and Mike Babicz (145 or 152). Both ranked among the top 10 in their respective weight classes in Division 1 by MichiganGrappler.com.

Despite the absence of a majority of CC's top-flight wrestlers, Observerland will be filled with a slew of outstanding individuals.

"Observerland has an outstanding tradition

of great wrestling over the years," Glenn coach Bill Polk said. "I'm glad we are back after a year leave. Although CC has been separate from the pack in recent years, usually the title goes to the team that is the healthiest at this point of the season."

"It's a great showcase of the area wrestlers to show they are ready for The Palace (of Auburn

Hills). Usually the wrestlers that step up and make the finals are state qualifiers of ever state placers at some point. I'm looking forward to a great weekend."

All-day admission is \$5. Family and youth discounts are available. The finals are scheduled to start around 5:30 p.m.

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PREP BOWLING RESULTS

7th annual WAYNE COUNTY BOWLING INVITATIONAL Jan. 19 at Super Bowl BOYS RESULTS

Championship final: Taylor Kennedy defeated Wayne Memorial, 211-175, 224-171.

Semifinals: Kennedy def. Plymouth, 244-203, 197-184; Wayne def. Westland John Glenn, 229-203, 180-202, 206-200.

Quarterfinals: Kennedy def. Canton, 190-179, 145-191, 221-218; Wayne def. Salem, 202-181, 207-213, 246-204; Plymouth def. Romulus, 197-195, 200-194; John Glenn def. Belleville, 199-183, 196-162.

Team qualifying scores: 1. Plymouth, 4,069 (3 match games; 2 Baker games); 2. John Glenn, 3,978; 3. Wayne, 3,934; 4. Canton, 3,876; 5. Kennedy, 3,854; 6. Salem, 3,848; 7. Belleville, 3,762; 8. Romulus, 3,671.

AREA TEAM SCORING

Wayne: 1. Elliot Arnold, 300-277-171-748; 21. Kody Wojewski, 179-204-235-618; 23. Shane Rambaldo, 266-185-160-611; 34. Zack Huffman, 169-225-196-590; 36. Mike Mikulec, 171-197-212-580.

John Glenn: 4. Jordani Hornes, 248-216-238-702; 18. Tommy Ruark, 216-204-212-632; 60. Thomas Brusseau, 207-257-464; 62. Mitch Dean, 247-213-460; 65. Daniel Ammons, 194-237-431; 99. Steve White, 181;

GIRLS RESULTS

Girls championship final: Flat Rock def. Taylor Kennedy,

193-188, 182-213, 245-160. **Semifinals:** Kennedy def. Plymouth, 185-161, 183-193, 200-147; Flat Rock def. Southgate Anderson, 177-172, 215-153.

Quarterfinals: Flat Rock def. Salem, 175-161, 185-138; Kennedy def. Livonia Ladywood, 200-1378, 203-144; Plymouth def. Westland John Glenn, 141-217, 202-167, 160-149; Southgate def. Northville, 147-170, 235-143, 172-172 (104-97 tiebreaker).

Team qualifying scores: 1. Kennedy, 3,548 (3 match games; 2 Baker games); 2. Flat Rock, 3,407; 3. Southgate, 3,215; 4. John Glenn, 3,070; 5. Plymouth, 3,062; 6. Northville, 3,056; 7. Salem, 2,971; 8. Ladywood, 2,826.

Individual winner: Samantha Cwik (Kennedy), 212-226-205-643.

AREA TEAM SCORING

John Glenn: 15. Jessica Pate, 189-171-190-550; 20. Caity Lenard, 191-178-160-529; 60. Yvette Ayers, 158-215-373; 67. Olivia Cabildo, 169-139-308; 88. Bre Riblett, 209; 96. Sara Aulidge, 135.

Ladywood: 22. Veronica Estigoy, 160-193-171-524; 23. Sabine Hutter, 182-138-200-520; 24. Amy Lewandowski, 206-142-167-515; 85. Sarah Knapp, 129-102-231; 95. Victoria Aina, 142; 105. Sarah Czarnowski, 116; 114. Kailyn Delonis, 95.

Wayne: 19. Lorissa Willet, 160-190-181-531; 31. Tiffany Markham, 118-179-205-502; 41. Kira Leach, 154-153-144-451; 63. Tiffany Ozog, 144-90-133-351; 86. Alyssa Roberts, 119-98-217.

BOYS DUAL RESULTS WESTLAND GLENN 28.5

PLYMOUTH 1.5 Jan. 23 at Town 'N Country John Glenn scorers: Jordan Hornes, 265-204-469; Steven White, 218-247-465; Thomas Brusseau, 225-226-451; Mitch Dean, 233; Mark Kassab, 218; Tommy Ruark, 214; Daniel Ammons, 207. **Team totals:** 1,140-1,119-2,257 (14.5 points); **Baker games:** 236-265-501.

Plymouth scorers: Rob Korstjen, 205-236-441; Evan Grimme, 199-234-433; Eric Thompson, 213-192-405; Ryan Riva, 233; Brandon Congdon, 153; split score, 209-181-190. **Team totals:** 979-1,076-2,055 (1.5 points); **Baker games:** 153-202-355 (0 points).

John Glenn's dual match record: 11-0 overall, 8-0 KLA Central Division.

GIRLS DUAL RESULTS PLYMOUTH 16

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 15

Jan. 23 at Town 'N Country

Plymouth scorers: Caitlyn Webb, 256-216-462; Emily Fraser, 202-172-374; Serena Oliver, 156; Tiffany Patterson, 146; Lauryn Vincent, 122; Megan Brewer, 110; split scores, 114-120-234. **Team totals:** 874-746-1,604 (9 points) **Baker games:** 138-242-380 (6 points).

John Glenn scorers: Olivia Cabildo, 212-179-391; Yvette Ayers, 207-140-247; Bre Riblett, 171-137-308; Caity Lenard, 138; Sara Aulidge, 134; split score, 134. **Team totals:** 878-724-1,602 (11 points); **Baker games:** 167-187-354 (4 points).

John Glenn's dual match record: 7-4 overall, 6-2 KLA Central Division.



Canton's varsity girls gymnastics team celebrates with their first-place trophy after winning Saturday's Huron Valley Invitational.

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Melissa was hurting, Aayana was hurting and a couple of the other girls."

Green still went 36.25 in D1 all-around, good for fourth place.

And Lewis tied for third on balance beam with a 9.15 and took second-place honors on vault (9.45) and uneven parallel bars (9.6).

Lewis sets record

The latter earned Lewis a new Canton school record, breaking the mark set in 1995 by Katie Gillis (9.55), which Lewis tied in 2010-11.

"She (Lewis) had her name on the record board," Cunningham said. "But when you break a record that's been around for 17 years, you know it's a really good performance."

Other Chiefs to place were in the D2 category. Those included Nicole Lasecki and Marina Milad on beam and Erica Lucas, who placed first on vault (9.55) and eighth in all-

around scoring.

Salem had several top point-getters in D2. Those included Ade Jepperson (second on bars), Brittany Ramirez (fourth on bars, fifth on vault and ninth in all-around), Andrea Merlotti (third on vault) and Morgan Soper (fourth on vault, fifth in all-around).

Plymouth also had individual highlights, with Sarah Uhlian tying Lasecki on D2 beam with a mark of 9.1 and Katie Salanga taking 11th in all-around.

Huron Valley Invitational Saturday, Jan. 21 at Millford TEAM STANDINGS:

1. Canton, 143.85; 2. Farmington, 142.95; 3. Salem, 141.725; 4. Huron Valley (Millford-Lake-land), 141.425.

D1 Beam: 1. Taylor Spitz (F), 9.55; 3. Aayana Lewis (C), 9.15; 6. Melissa Green (C), 8.85.

D1 Bars: 1. Chloe Presley (HV), 9.625; 2. Lewis (C), 9.60; 6. Green (C), 8.9.

D1 Vault: 1. Catrina Malysz (HV), 9.5; 2. Lewis (C), 9.45; 3. Green (C), 9.3.

D1 Floor: 1. Presley (HV), 9.625; 5. Green (C), 9.20.

D1 All-Around: 1. Presley (HV), 37.30; 4. Green (C), 36.25.

D2 Beam: 1. Meredith Jonik (F), 9.35; 6. (tie) Nicole Lasecki (C) and Sarah Uhlian (Plymouth), 9.1; 9. Marina Milad

(C), 9.0.

D2 Bars: 1. Alex Kitz (Liv. Blue), 9.2; 2. (tie) Ade Jepperson (S) and Amanda Lumley (F), 9.1; 4. Brittany Ramirez (S), 8.8.

D2 Vault: 1. Erica Lucas (C), 9.55; 3. Andrea Merlotti (S), 9.15; 4. Morgan Soper (S), 9.05; 5. Brittany Ramirez (S), 9.0.

D2 All-Around: 1. Jonik (F), 36.475; 5. Soper (S), 35.575; 8. Lucas (C), 35.1; 9. Ramirez (S), 34.925; 11. Katie Salanga (Plymouth), 33.825. (*Canton school record)

GIRLS DUAL RESULTS

CANTON 137.275

LIVONIA RED 127.40

Jan. 24 at Canton

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Vault: 1. Erica Lucas (C), 9.625; 2. Pia Simon (C), 8.75; 3. Mallory Dorton (Red), 8.5; 4. Sydney Grenier (Red), 8.3; 5. Marina Milad (Red), 8.25.

Uneven bars: 1. Shannon Diaz (Red), 8.55; 2. Nicole Lasecki (C), 8.325; 3. Lucas (C), 7.65; 4. Simon (C), 7.625; 5. (tie) Milad (C) and Melissa Green (C), 7.6 each.

Balance beam: 1. Green (C), 9.5; 2. Diaz (Red), 8.925; 3. Marina Milad (C), 8.9; 4. Lucas (C), 8.625; 5. Lasecki (C), 8.3.

Floor exercise: 1. (tie) Lasecki (C) and Green (C), 9.2 each; 3. Lucas (C), 9.0; 4. Milad (C), 8.6; 5. Shannon Kozlowski (C), 8.55.

All-around: 1. Erin Lucas (C), 34.9; 2. Lasecki (C), 34.05; 3. Milad (C), 33.35; 4. Simon (C), 30.225; 5. Prebola (Red), 29.925. Dual meet record: Canton, 6-0 in KLA

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Wildcats baseball clinics set

Baseball fundamentals are on tap for youngsters looking to improve their skills, at the forthcoming Plymouth Wildcats Youth Baseball Clinic.

Participants in grades 1-8 will receive age-appropriate instruction from 2012 Plymouth varsity baseball coaches and players. Stations will include hitting, pitching, infield, outfield, catching and radar gun readings.

Sessions, in the Plymouth High School gymnasium, will take place: 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday March 17 (for those in grades 1-4); Saturday March 31 (for those in grades 5-8).

The pre-registration cost, which includes snack, is \$20. The fee is \$25 the day of the clinic. Pre-registration is urged, as the camp is limited to 100.

Go to www.baseball.plymouthwildcats.com for more information.

Salem to host baseball clinics

Youngsters will have their chance to again learn all about baseball from Salem's vari-

ty players and coaching staff.

The annual Salem Varsity Baseball Clinic will take place Saturdays March 24 and 31 in the high school gym.

For a fee of \$28, kids will get three hours of instruction, focusing on pitching, hitting and all phases of fielding, along with a T-shirt.

Each player should bring a baseball glove and hat to one of the following sessions, space permitting:

Session 1: Saturday, March 24, 9 a.m. to noon, ages 11-14; 14; Session 2: Saturday, March 24, 1-4 p.m., ages 7-10; Session 3: Saturday, March 31, 9 a.m. to noon, ages 7-10; Session 4: Saturday, March 31, 1-4 p.m., ages 7-10.

Space is limited to 75 participants per session, so early registration is encouraged.

For more information, call Mary Theisen at (734) 354-9181 or e-mail salemrocksbasketball@gmail.com.

Play GCYBSA ball

Registrations are now under way for the Greater Canton Youth Baseball Softball Association's baseball and softball pro-

grams.

The GCYBSA offers progressively developmental recreational baseball and softball programs for players age 4-18 from Plymouth and Canton. GCYBSA is also home to a Competitive League and travel programs (Boys Cardinals, Girls Pride Fast Pitch).

For more information, go to www.gcybsa.com or contact Coralee Ott at (734) 394-5358, via e-mail at cott@canton-mi.org.

MU baseball

Terry Foster of WXYT-FM (97.1) and The Detroit News will be the featured speaker at the Madonna University baseball team will stage its annual 1st Pitch banquet beginning at 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, at the Italian American Club in Livonia.

Tickets, which are tax-deductible, are \$60 each or \$110 per pair. Youth tickets are \$30 (12 and under).

Table sponsorships are also available and reservations must be received by Jan. 20.

Raffle items are also needed as donations.

For more information, call Bill Hardin at (734) 560-0820 or e-mail bjhwolves@aol.com.

BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING RESULTS

DUAL MEET RESULTS

SALEM 137

PLYMOUTH 49

Jan. 24 at Salem

200-yard medley relay: 1. Salem (Jeremy Wellman, Turner Solterman, Jason Zhang, Matthew Pairitz), 1:46.23; 2. Salem (Patrick Casey, Calvin Kahler, Danny Lynch, Kenny McManimon), 1:53.88; 3. Plymouth (Nick Weber, Todd Maslyk, Ryan Heinze, Alex Johnson), 1:59.81. **200 freestyle:** 1. Jerry Bai (S), 2:05.11; 2. Brian Kuang (S), 2:05.88; 3. Jason Basanese (S), 2:07.59; 4. Mike Pool (P), 2:10.97; 5. Andrew Harris (P), 2:22.70. **200 individual medley:** 1. Solterman (S), 2:13.90; 2. Heinze (P), 2:26.33; 3. Patrick Huls (S), 2:29.12; 4. Gregory Payne (S), 2:30.86; 5. Alex Wilson (P),

2:33.26.

50 free: 1. J. Zhang (S), 22.94; 2. J. Wellman (S), 24.82; 3. Maslyk (P), 25.76; 4. Alex Smith (S), 26.04; 5. Ben Yang (P), 26.32.

1-meter diving: 1. Nick Griwicki (S), 219.10 points; 2. Charlie Dillon (S), 216.35; 3. Connor McManus (P), 166.35; 4. William Harrington (P), 141.00; 5. Casey (S), 117.50.

100 butterfly: 1. Adam Liakos (P), 58.12; 2. Bai (S), 58.96; 3. Lynch (S), 1:04.60; 4. Huls (S), 1:06.43; 5. Gunnar Savaloj (P), 1:23.20.

100 free: 1. Pairitz (S), 53.80; 2. William Long (S), 54.52; 3. Basanese (S), 56.08; 4. Weber (P), 58.50; 5. Johnson (P), 1:03.62.

500 free: 1. J. Wellman (S), 5:35.69; 2. Kuang (S), 5:37.27; 3. Alex Wilson (P), 6:02.73; 4. Payne

(S), 6:02.74; 5. Pool (P), 6:05.30.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Basanese, McManimon, Pairitz, Bai), 1:38.46; 2. Salem (Lynch, Smith, Huls, Long), 1:41.85; 3. Plymouth (Weber, Cameron Earls, Wilson, Maslyk), 1:42.39.

100 backstroke: 1. J. Zhang (S), 57.29; 2. Yang (P), 1:02.16; 3. Liakos (P), 1:03.75; 4. Casey (S), 1:05.71; 5. Brenden Wellman (S), 1:08.19.

100 breaststroke: 1. Solterman (S), 1:07.35; 2. Kahler (S), 1:13.65; 3. Pietron (S), 1:14.79; 4. Maslyk (P), 1:15.05; 5. Earls (P), 1:22.33.

400 free relay: 1. Salem (Bai, Pairitz, J. Wellman, J. Zhang), 3:34.89; 2. Plymouth (Liakos, Yang, Heinze, Pool), 3:48.72; 3. Salem (Lynch, Basanese, Huls, Smith), 3:49.74.



Snapping a shot past a Walled Lake defenseman Saturday night is PCS Penguins forward Nicole Natelborg (No. 7), who scored three goals in the contest at Suburban Ice - Farmington Hills. In goal for the Wild is Sam Carrier.

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the game 3-3 midway through the second. Just over a minute later, Miller made a bid for her fourth goal with a low, hard shot from the right circle. The PCS netminder, however, thrust out her right pad, getting a toe on the puck. She also kicked out a subsequent scoring bid by Shannon Gillis. Those stops helped stem the tide until Jackie Lough could snap the tie with just 12.2 seconds to play in the period. Forward Mariah Tucker (two assists) took a shot that Wild goaltender Sam Carrier got in front of. But Jackie Lough, stationed near the left post, chipped the rebound home to give PCS a 4-3 lead. Also assisting was Natelborg. "I'm glad we got that one goal at the end of the second period to at least be up going into the third," Johnson said. "And Becky definitely came up with a few big

saves to keep us in the game." The Penguins took a 5-3 advantage just 10 seconds into the third, when Natelborg skated in from the blue line and beat Carrier high to the stick side. "We always just play together and we're always working hard trying to get the goals in the net," Natelborg said about her line's high productivity. Johnson also lauded the efforts of her second line, including Cortny McAdoo, Jenna Carter and Elizabeth O'Donahue. "Both lines are definitely producing," the coach said.

Early offense It only took PCS 1:34 to get on the board Saturday night. Natelborg fielded a pass by defenseman Alexis O'Flynn (two assists), skated between the circles and roofed the puck over Carrier's blocker. Then with 11:22 left, O'Flynn's wrister from just above the left circle

was blocked by Carrier. But Natelborg jammed the rebound into the Walled Lake cage to give PCS a 2-0 edge. The pesky Wild cut the lead in half at 8:38. Miller skated up the middle and slipped the puck past Becky Lough. Assisting were Kayleigh Walker and Jaclyn Jasgur. Miller tied the contest at 3:25 of the second with a power-play tally. Her rising shot from the left wing banked in off the near-side post, making it a 2-2 game. Earning assists on the goal were Ryann Brier and Jordan Maynard. The Penguins regained the lead (3-2) when Jackie Lough scored at 5:27 from Tucker and Natelborg. A short backhand shot from the left wing banked in off the near-side post, making it a 2-2 game. Earning assists on the goal were Ryann Brier and Jordan Maynard. The Penguins regained the lead (3-2) when Jackie Lough scored at 5:27 from Tucker and Natelborg. A short backhand shot from the left wing banked in off the near-side post, making it a 2-2 game. Earning assists on the goal were Ryann Brier and Jordan Maynard. The Penguins regained the lead (3-2) when Jackie Lough scored at 5:27 from Tucker and Natelborg. A short backhand shot from the left wing banked in off the near-side post, making it a 2-2 game. Earning assists on the goal were Ryann Brier and Jordan Maynard.

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Whalers blitz Soo, 8-0

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

The Plymouth Whalers came out shooting — and scoring — Saturday night at Compuware Arena against Sault Ste. Marie. Netting four first-period goals and another four in the middle stanza, the Whalers routed the Greyhounds 8-0 before 3,008 fans. Scoring two goals each were forwards Rickard Rakell and J.T. Miller, both players drafted in the first round of the 2011 NHL Entry Draft. Despite the lopsided final score, Plymouth goalie Scott Wedgewood still had to play a strong game for the shutout. He stopped all 34 shots he faced, including a 20-shot barrage in the third. The Whalers, first in the Ontario Hock-

ey League West Division with a record of 31-12-2-1, got on the board at 2:38 of the first when forward Alex Aleardi of Farmington Hills tallied his 26th of the year from linemates Andy Bathgate and Mitchell Dempsey. Before the period was over, Rakell, Miller and Bathgate sent pucks past Soo starting netminder Matt Murray. Miller's second and 15th of the season came on the power play at 4:38 of the second, with Stefan Noesen (two assists) and captain Beau Schmitz (Howell) assisting. Defenseman Schmitz then continued the rout with another power-play goal just 44 seconds later, with Miller setting it up. At 10:02, also with the extra man, Rakell made it a 7-0 game. He scored

his 22nd goal of the year on assists by defenseman Dario Trutmann and Curtis Crombeen (three assists). Noesen then added an even-strength tally at 13:35 (his 20th), from Crombeen and winger Garrett Meurs (two assists). After the second period, the Greyhounds pulled Murray, who stopped 29 of the 37 shots sent his way, Plymouth did not score in the third against backup Jack Campbell (six saves). The Greyhounds (last in the West Division) dropped to 19-24-2-2 for the season. Plymouth is on the road this week, with games Thursday and Friday at Barrie and Sudbury, respectively.

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Make it 10 for Salem boys

Salem's varsity boys basketball team rolled to a 62-52 victory Friday night at South Lyon, improving to 10-1 overall and 4-1 in the KLAA Central Division. The Rocks won the physical varsity boys basketball game with contributions from a number of players, which has been the team's recipe for success all season. Chris Dierker led the way with 11 points and 14 rebounds while Cameron Werner and Tyler Stewart each registered 10 points. Helping the cause with nine points was Austin Whitted.

With the loss, the Lions dropped to 6-4 overall and 3-2 in the KLAA Central. Salem opens the second round of division play with a game 7 p.m. Friday at home against Northville. **LUTH. WESTLAND 72, MACOMB CHRISTIAN 22:** Four players scored in double figures Tuesday as host Lutheran High Westland (6-4, 5-2) rolled to a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference win over Warren Macomb Christian (0-9, 0-7). The Warriors led 17-7 after one quarter and 38-12 at halftime before going on a 22-8 third-period run. A.J. Seltz paced the winners with 13 points, while Matt Sylvester and Jake Fairbairn added 12 apiece.

Nick Andrzejewski chipped in with 10. Romero Hardy led the Crusaders with 14 points. Lutheran Westland made 8-of-10 free throws, while Macomb Christian hit 10-of-15. **GREENHILLS 81, HVL 24:** Andrew Khouri's 24 points led Ann Arbor Greenhills (5-5, 4-3) to a MIAC Red Division triumph Tuesday at Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (2-7, 1-5). Andrew Gitlin and Reed Wilborn each added 10 points for the Gryphons, who led 57-16 at halftime while shooting 65 percent from the floor, including 9-of-21 from three-point range. "We didn't want to play defense," HVL coach Jim Ott said. "We came out lazy and they came out unbelievable. They ended up shooting 60 percent for the game."

HOOPS

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beyond the arc (five treys) the main reason for the game being relatively close. A string of buckets by PCA's Smith, Malcolm, Gerulis and Windle in the opening minutes of the third quarter widened the gap to 48-25. **Getting a taste** It was 52-31 entering the fourth, which began with junior center Allison Smith (six points) making the first three PCA baskets of the quarter — a nifty layup, put-back and jumper from the top of the key. One of the loudest cheers of the night came in the final minutes, when senior guard Kristin Lindberg sank a jumper from the right corner for her only points of the game. "We wanted to get them a chance to get on the floor and make some baskets," Gerulis said, noting that several reserves saw extended playing time to take advantage of the huge margin. "That really makes them feel good" and helps get them ready when opportunities arise later this season.



Plymouth Christian's Emily Gerulis (No. 10), shown from a game earlier this season, was among top contributors in Tuesday's victory over Southfield Christian.

CHANDLER PARK 51, PCA 49: On Saturday at Chandler Park, the Eagles got off to a quick start (16-7 after the first), but could not sustain things the rest of the way. Karen Windle led PCA with 22 points, and chipped in eight rebounds and three steals.

Helping the cause with nine points was junior guard Jenna Abraham, while Emily Gerulis tallied seven points, 10 boards and five assists. Malaysia Johnson led Chandler Park (8-0) with 16 points.

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Lady Ocelots close in on 1st

The race for first place in the MCCA's Eastern Conference tightened considerably Saturday afternoon as the visiting Schoolcraft College women's basketball team knocked off first-place Macomb Community College, 60-55, in overtime. The Lady Ocelots rallied from a 41-33 deficit with 10:34 left in the game to improve to 14-4 overall and 5-2 in the conference. Macomb's Domonique Mahone scored on layup with 40 seconds remaining to give the Monarchs a 52-50 lead. But a steal and layup by Schoolcraft's Domonique Jones tied the game at 52-all with 15 seconds to play and forced OT. Schoolcraft then scored

WOMEN'S HOOPS the first five points of the extra session to lead 57-52 with 3:00 remaining before Macomb closed to within 57-55 with 1:05 left. But Diamond Tolliver nailed 3-of-4 free throws down the stretch to seal the victory. Shanequa Braggs led Schoolcraft with 13 points, while Ashley Beemon and Amber Sammons chipped in with 11 and 10, respectively. Mahone had 14 points and 14 rebounds for the Monarchs, who slipped to 10-7 overall and 6-1 in the conference. Precious Allen contributed 10 points, while Brianne Woycehoski grabbed 12 boards.

Schoolcraft won despite shooting only 31.9 percent from the floor (22-of-69) and being out-rebounded (54-36). **INDIANA TECH 79, MADONNA 58:** Simone Russell's game-high 25 points carried Indiana Tech (11-11, 3-7) to a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference victory Saturday over visiting Madonna University (7-12, 4-6) at the Schaefer Center in Fort Wayne. MU couldn't recover from a 42-28 deficit. Ulyssia Richmond added 18 points, while Brittney Jones contributed 13 points and 14 rebounds for the victorious Warriors. Kaylee McGrath (Livonia Stevenson) and Michelle Lindsey each tallied 14 points for the Crusaders, who shot only 21-of-54 from the floor (38.9 percent) and committed 19 turnovers. Becca Wojcinski came off the bench to add 10 points and eight rebounds for MU.

Crusaders again top Indiana Tech

Travis Schuba's shot hit nothing but twine Saturday as the sophomore guard made 6-of-10 three-pointers on his way to a game-high 22 points as host Madonna University knocked off 15th-ranked Indiana Tech for the second time this season, 73-65. The Crusaders, who improved to 12-10 overall and 6-4 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, shot 51 percent from the floor (25-of-49) and 78.9 percent from the foul stripe. Eoghann Stephens added 17 points, while point-guard Bobby Nautbert (Livonia Stevenson) chipped in with 11 points and 10 assists. Indiana Tech (15-5, 5-5) got 15 points from Jeff Hoskins. Jordan Hickman added 14, while Brice Miles contributed 10. Tech, which trailed 36-31

at halftime, also got game-high 10 rebounds from Rodney Bartholomew. **MACOMB CC 82, SCHOOLCRAFT 80:** In an MCCA Eastern Conference game Saturday, host Macomb Community College (13-5, 4-3) rallied from a 19-point second-half deficit to stun Schoolcraft College (11-7, 3-4). Patrick Ferrell's rebound tip-in with only five seconds remaining proved to be the game-winner. Ferrell finished with a team-high 18 points and four blocks. Ashton Curd added 17 points. Schoolcraft led 40-33 at halftime and 74-55 with 10 minutes to go before Macomb stormed back to tie the game at 78-all with 1:43 left. Karl Moore and LenDerrick Witcher each tallied 21 points for the Ocelots, who made only 13-of-24 free throws. Daniel Hill (Wayne Memorial) added 11 points, 13 rebounds and four assists. Point-guard Mohamed Elhaj finished with six assists and four steals, while Reshard Anders had eight points and seven rebounds. Moore also grabbed 10 rebounds in the loss.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Baseball camp

The sixth annual Future Stars baseball camp will be from 9-11:30 a.m. (Session 1) and 12:15-2:45 p.m. (Session 2) on Saturday, Feb. 11 at Franklin High School, 31000 Joy Road, Livonia. Session 1 consists of hitting, base running skills, and infield work, along with taking the extra base, hitting for average, and proper infield approach. Session 2 consists of pitching and defense, pitch location, catching drills, and outfield approach. Lunch will be from 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. (bring your own). The cost is \$30 per session or \$50 for both (includes T-shirt). For more information, e-mail Franklin coach Matt Fournier at mfournie2@livoniapublicschools.org; or call (734) 968-0499.



Rockin' Rockettes

The Salem JV Rockettes recently finished first in the Junior Varsity Hip Hop division at Universal Dance Association's Southern Michigan Dance Challenge. The event took place Jan. 8 at Royal Oak High School. This photo shows the team at the competition with their proud coaches.

Send items for the religion calendar to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com. If including a photo, it must be in jpg format, attached to the e-mail.

Jan. 26-31

FINANCIAL RECOVERY

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Jan. 31
Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, near 12 Mile and Farmington Road, in Farmington Hills

Details: Dave Ramsey's "The Great Recovery" is a 13-week, bible-based program that teaches you to eliminate debt and leave a lasting legacy.

Contact: Register at www.daveramsey.com or call (248) 553-3380

MEMORY CHALLENGES

Time/Date: 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28

Location: First Baptist Church of Detroit, 21100 Southfield Road, just north of Eight Mile, in Southfield

Details: Dr. Annette Carron, from Palliative Care in Farmington Hills, will speak about memory loss, dementia, signs of Alzheimer's, and methods to delay memory loss. This is a free program open to the public and light refreshments will be served

Contact: (248) 569-2972 or firstbaptist@fbc-detroit.org

OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 9:30-1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29

Location: St. Edith Catholic School, 15089 Newburgh at Five Mile, Livonia

Details: K-8th grade enroll-

ment available

Contact: (734) 464-1250 or visit www.stedithschool.org

OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29

Location: St. Michael the Archangel School, 11311 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Student-led tours, meet the staff, share refreshments and conversation with other parents and students. St. Michael's offers half or full-day kindergarten, latch-key programming, and an extended curriculum that includes computer science, art, music, and Spanish

Contact: (734) 261-1455, ext. 226; www.livoniastmichael.org

PRAYER OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Friday,

Jan. 27

Location: Harvest Bible Church, 6420 N. Newburgh, Westland

Details: Anyone who needs prayer may stop by to pray individually or with a volunteer prayer partner

Contact: (734) 895-3280

February

BETHANY

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11

Location: Elks Lodge, 31117 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Detail: Stilettoes Dance, "Detroit Still Doo Wops," with music from 8 p.m.-midnight. Cost is \$20 and includes beer and pop

Contact: Chooch at (734) 697-7270

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Time/Date: Dinner, 6 p.m. Feb. 18; Eucharist, 10 a.m. Feb. 19

Location: St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: The dinner, held at the Summit in Canton, will include, a video presentation, music, gift drawings, and a ticket for a chance to win a centennial quilt and more. The ticket costs \$40 per person. Bishop Wendell Gibbs will attend the worship service on Feb. 19. The service will include special music and banners created by members of the parish. A celebration reception will follow the service

Contact: (734) 453-0190

DEBT FREE

Time/Date: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, beginning Feb. 1

Location: Farmington Hills Church of God, 25717 Power, Farmington Hills

Details: Financial Peace University — Imagine Yourself Debt Free, is a 13-week, video-based study featuring Dave Ramsey, that teaches how to build wealth, get out of debt and gain financial freedom. You may attend the first class for free. Childcare is available

Contact: (248) 477-9144 or visit www.FHChurchofGod.org or www.DaveRamsey.com

GLAZER INSTITUTE LECTURES

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m., Feb. 10

Location: Temple Beth El, 7400 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills

Details: Rabbi Daniel B. Syme will talk about "Combating Bullying, Cruelty, De-



Heather Irish, founder of The MINDS Program, a non-profit organization that educates teenagers about mental illnesses and suicide prevention, will talk about bullying and depression Feb. 10 at Temple Beth El.

pression and Suicide Among Youth People - A Religious Imperative." Heather Irish, founder and director of The MINDS Program, a non-profit organization that educates teenagers about mental illnesses and suicide prevention, will continue the discussion at 10:45 a.m. after a brief intermission. Admission is free

Contact: (248) 851-1100, ext. 3149

GRIEF SUPPORT

Time/Date: 7-8:45 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7

Location: Faith Covenant Church, 35415 W. 14 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: "From Grief to New Hope," presented by Cathy Clough, director of New Hope Center for Grief Support, runs eight weeks. Each session will begin with a talk, followed by small group participation led by trained facilitators. Each person will be placed in a group with others who have had similar losses

Contact: (248) 661-9191; www.4fcc.org

GRIEF SUPPORT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Feb. 29 and March 7, 14 and 21

Location: St. Michael's Catholic Parish, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: Grieving with Great Hope, a four-week grief

support series will offer a prayerful and practical approach for individuals who are mourning the loss of a loved one. Presenters will include The Rev. Bill Tindall as well John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry. Register by calling the church of visiting Good Mourning Ministry's Web site.

Contact: (734) 261-1455; www.goodmourningministry.net

KIDS OF THE KINGDOM

Time/Date: 6:30-7:45 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 8

Location: South Redford Christian Church, 26505 W. Chicago Road, Redford

Details: The church's weekly children's program will present a Valentine's Day party. Children ages 3 years-5th grade may attend. The children will play games, worship, eat a sweet snack, and learn about God's love.

Contact: (313) 937-2050

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m. Feb. 10

Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City

Details: Includes silent auction. Cost is \$7 for adults, \$3.50 for children, 4-11, and free for children 3 and under. Tickets available at door.

Contact: (734) 427-3660

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BURMAN, JOSEPH R.

January 22, 2012, age 80. Served with the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. Beloved husband of Jeanette. Dear father of Lynn Dowell and Joseph D. Burman. Grandfather of Joseph C. (Melana) Burman, Madeline Burman and David M. Burman. Brother of Shirley Burman, Loretta Allen, Nancy McGue and David Burman. Services were held Wednesday. Contributions suggested to St. John's Musical Ministry, The Michigan Humane Society or charity of your choice.



HALE, AGNES 'BABE'

Age 88, January 22, 2012. Beloved wife of the late Donald. Dear mother of Barbara (Craig) Duncan, Sandy (the late Mike) Ellinger and the late Thomas (Sharon). Grandmother of two. Great-grandmother of two. Memorial visitation Friday, January 27th, 2pm-4pm at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd., Garden City (between Ford Road and Cherry Hill).

Family suggests memorials to American Heart Association or the charity of your choice. www.santeiufuneralhome.com

DOYLE, DIANE MARIE

Age 60, November 4, 1951-January 22, 2012.

Online condolences: obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

DZIESKOWSKI, CYNTHIA ANN

of Wixom, Jan. 11, 2012; age 58. Arrangements by Simple Funerals (248) 227-1954.

MARICH, EVA MARIE

of Westland, Jan. 11, 2012; age 87. Arrangements by Simple Funerals (248) 227-1954.

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Dance fundraiser mixes Irish show with Italian dinner

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Ten students from the O'Hare School of Irish Dancing in Plymouth earned high marks as they kicked, stepped and jumped their way through regional and national dance competitions last year. Each earned the right to compete as a soloist in the World Irish Dancing Championship, set for April in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

The group is gearing up for the trip, but needs help with funding.

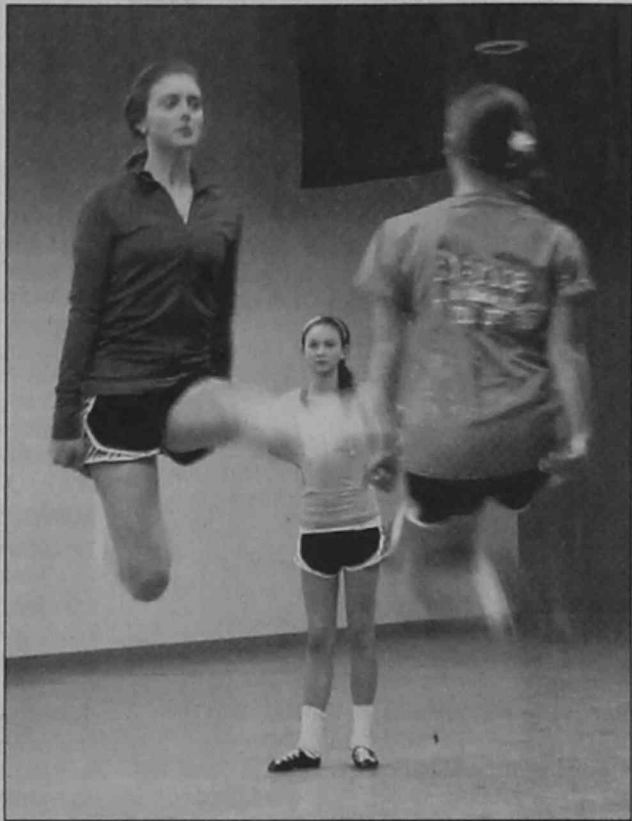
"As far as the cost of the competition, I would estimate that the cost is about \$1,500 per dancer, plus the cost of their parent's ticket," said Tina Doyle, whose daughter, Eileen, is among the 10 world hopefuls.

"We (the Doyles) just bought tickets and fortunately they were under \$900 each, plus there's the hotel cost, which we haven't booked yet. That's expensive because it's in downtown Belfast. You've got to take the bus from Dublin to Belfast. That's not a huge expense, but it's \$50 to \$100.

"With all the travel, you can't just go the day before the competition and dance the next day. You're there for a few days."

She and other parents hope an upcoming fundraiser — the Rhythm of Belfast — will raise enough money to help each dancer defray trip expenses by at least \$500.

The event, a combina-



Dancers from the O'Hare School of Irish Dance in Plymouth seem to levitate during rehearsal.

tion dance show and dinner, starts at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3 at Genitti's Hole-in-the-wall! in Northville. Tickets are \$40 per person, available by sending a check to Jenny Newell at 830 Claremont, Dearborn, MI 48124. Include address and phone number for delivery. For more information, call Maureen Oatman at (248) 214-8647 or e-mail her at mcoatman@earthlink.net or call Jenny Newell at (313) 268-1121 or e-mail her at snewell1@sbcglobal.net.

A dance show by the Ireland-bound students and others from O'Hare School

of Irish Dance, will follow the family-style Italian dinner.

"Irish dancing with Italian dinner — it sounds like a good time," Doyle said. The event will include a cash bar and raffles.

Students will demonstrate some of the dances they'll perform in Northern Ireland. Another group will show Ceili dancing, which is similar to American square dancing. Dolowy family members from Plymouth will perform Irish music. "We're trying to give a taste of all facets of Irish dance," Doyle said.



Ireland-bound dancers from Tim O'Hare Irish School of Dance in Plymouth rehearse together. They'll compete in the World Irish Dancing Championships in April.



These dancers from the O'Hare School of Irish Dance in Plymouth have qualified to compete in the World Irish Dancing Championships in Belfast, Northern Ireland. They are Elizabeth Muise, (back row, left), Alena Woelcke, Breandan Oatman, Ashling Magolan, and Tara Kristock. Therese Muise (left), Hannah Newell and Eileen Doyle are in the middle row and in front are Margaret Muise (left) and Alicia Wang.

Tim O'Hare, who founded the Plymouth school in 1979, won the junior world title in 1976 and the senior men's world championship in 1977. He also owns Irish dance schools in Chicago, Ill., and Akron, Ohio. Two students from Akron and one from Chicago also qualified for the world championship. Ages range

from 11-21 among qualifying students at the three locations.

O'Hare said students that qualify for world competition are serious about their dance and often take several classes a week, as well as private instruction.

"They are the kids that really want it. They're the

ones dancing at the grocery store...their feet are going under the dinner table," he said.

They'll face tough competition overseas.

"Irish dancing is becoming popular worldwide, but still, the strongest dancers are from Ireland."

Irish dancing demands good posture, a sense of rhythm, balance and technical ability.

"Irish dancing is a great family activity," O'Hare said. "A lot of moms do it for exercise and there are parents I taught (as children) that now have their own kids."

O'Hare's 10 world championship qualifiers from the Plymouth school are Alicia Wang, Northville; Margaret Muise, Superior Township; Hannah Newell, Dearborn; Ashling Magolan, Brighton; Therese Muise, Superior Township; Breandan Oatman, West Bloomfield; Eileen Doyle, Sharon Township; Eilizabeth Muise, Superior Township; Alena Woelcke, Northville; and Tara Kristock, Novi.

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Local theater troupe teaches writing workshop

Aspiring playwrights can learn how to turn ideas into a finished script at a workshop taught by TLC Productions, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 13, at the Cherry Hill Schoolhouse, 50440 Cherry Hill Road, Canton.

"Goal #1 is to provide a place for training/exposure to playwriting and to foster a community of local playwrights," said Christopher Tremblay, a TLC Productions member and workshop instructor. "Goal #2 is to inspire local authors to submit their works to festivals, primarily our 2013 One Acts Festival, which is planned for January 2013."

Tremblay, Linda Pohl and Tim Chanko, all TLC members, are experienced playwrights who organize the biennial festival. Tremblay started writing murder mystery scripts with a friend in 1996 and penned eight of them by 2001. Pohl came up with a original idea for a one-act play and showed the script with Chanko. He wrote songs for the piece and Tremblay read the script while it was still in development. The trio formed TLC Productions and Pohl's script became *Behind the Curtain*, a one-act musical the group produced in 2007.

They also wrote and produced a one-act musical called *FONTS! A Type of Musical*. Their play, *In the Dark* took an honorable mention at the Fenton One Acts Festival in June 2011. Three other plays they've penned are *Priced to Sell*, *Playing Games* and *The Flight to Liberty*.

"We have ideas for about five other scripts we could be working on now — as time allows," Tremblay said.

He, Pohl and Chanko will teach workshop attendees how to develop ideas into a detailed plot, fine-tune a script and what to expect when submitting a play for production and festival consideration. Participants also learn about other theatrical resources.

Tremblay said the workshop is suited for age 15 and up.

Participants must pre-register by Jan. 31 by e-mailing to tlcproductions@wowway.com. The workshop fee is \$25 per person. It's due in cash or check at the workshop.

For more information about TLC Productions' Playwriting Workshop, visit <http://tlcprod.wordpress.com>.

— Sharon Dargay

Art

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Time/Dates: 2 p.m. Sundays

Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit

Details: Target Family Sundays, storytelling, performances, free with admission

Exhibits: Rembrandt and the Face of Jesus exhibit runs through Feb. 12 and includes 64 works. Tickets are \$16 for adults; \$8 for youth, 6-17. Other exhibits include Detroit Revealed: Photographs 2000-2010, an exhibit of 50 photos through April 8; Gift of a Lifetime: The James Pearson Duffy Collection of drawings, paintings, prints, sculptures and photographs through March 18

Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

FARMINGTON HILLS CITY GALLERY

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, through Feb. 24

Location: Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: The work of Patrice Erickson, all original oils, is on exhibit. Erickson is inspired by nature and strives for landscapes that are rich in color

Contact: (248) 473-1856

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through Feb. 18, with an artist reception, 6-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: "6th Annual Member Exhibition," includes work by more than 70 artists; free admission

Contact: (248) 344-0497

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, noon-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25-May 20

Location: University of Michigan Museum of Art, 525 S. State, Ann Arbor

Details: "Fluxus and the Essential Questions of Life," includes more than 100 works by major artists, such as Yoko Ono, Nam June Paik and George Maciunas; admission is free

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VILLAGE THEATER

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday through Feb. 24

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

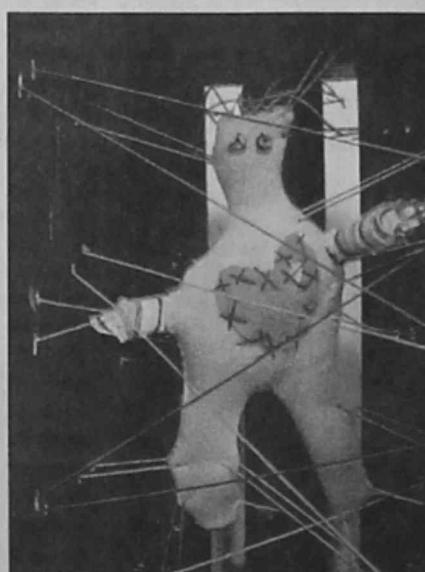
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Comedy

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"Monster," by Leann Meixner, and art by other members of Northville Art House, are on display through Feb. 18.

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesdays thru Sundays

Location: 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale

Details: Improv most nights. Open mic/jam session show for improvisers is 10 p.m. Wednesdays

Contact: (248) 327-0575; gocomedy.net

JD'S HOUSE OF COMEDY

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings

Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield

Details: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday

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Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays

Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Paul Hooper, through Jan. 28; Andy Hendrickson, Feb. 1-4; Basile, Feb. 8-11; Mikey Mason, Feb. 15-16; Rich Guzzi, Feb. 17-19; Coco, Feb. 22-25; Glen Wool, Feb. 29-March 3

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Time/Date: Frances Dilorinzo, Jan. 26-28, Keith Alberstadt, Feb. 2-4; Tim Nutt, Feb. 9-11; Rocky Laporte, Feb. 16-18; Ted Alexandro, Feb. 23-25

Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak
Contact: (248) 542-9900, www.comedy-castle.com

Dance

DANCE MONTH

Time/Date: Jan. 26-Feb. 18

Location: Berman Center for the Performing Arts, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Dorfman Legacy Project, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 26 and 10 a.m., Friday, Jan. 27; Dorfman Repertory program, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28; "Michigan Five: University Showcase," 8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 4; Allure Dance Company, dance for children, 3-12, 1-3:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5; Eisenhower Dance Ensemble, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11; Ballet Folklorico de Antioquia, 8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 18. Ticket prices are \$15 for Jewish Community Center (JCC) members and \$20 for non-members for the Michigan Five showcase; \$20 for JCC members and \$25 for non-members for the Eisenhower Dance Ensemble; and \$30 for members and \$40 for non-members for all other programs. Call the box office for student and workshop prices
Contact: (248) 661-1900; www.theberman.org

MOON DUSTERS

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 p.m. every Saturday; dance lessons 7-8 p.m.

Location: Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Singles and couples dance to music of the '30s, '40s and '50s; free refreshments. Dance lessons cost \$6; dance and lessons are \$11; dance only is \$7 for guests, \$6.50 for associates and \$6 for Moon Dusters members

Contact: Joe Castrodale, club president, (248) 968-5197

Film

MARQUIS THEATRE

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Feb. 4

Location: 135 E. Main, Northville

Details: "Goldfinger," tickets \$3
Coming up: "Anatomy of a Murder," Feb. 11; "It's a Mad, Mad, Mad World," Feb. 18; "Bye, Bye, Birdie," Feb. 25
Contact: (248) 349-8110

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27 and Thursday, Feb. 2, and 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 28-29

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Details: "The Muppets," \$3

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Time/Date: 8 p.m. Feb. 3 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Feb. 4

Location: 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Ave., in Detroit

Details: "Charade," tickets \$4

Coming up: "The Apartment," 8 p.m. Feb. 17 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Feb. 18; "Gone With The Wind" 8 p.m. March 2-3 and 2 p.m. March 4, includes an appearance by "the Gone With The Wind answer lady," Kathleen Marcaccio

Contact: (313) 537-2560

Museums

CHARLES H. WRIGHT

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday

Location: 315 E. Warren Road, Detroit

Details: Regular museum admission is \$8 for adults, 13-61; and \$5 for youth, 3-12, and seniors, 62 and over. Members and children 2 and under are admitted free. "Moving to His Own Beat" celebrates the life and music of Fela Anikulapo-Kuti, who fused traditional African highlife music with classical jazz and funk, a unique sound he called "Afrobeat" The exhibit runs through April 1

Contact: (313) 494-5800



Moving to His Own Beat, an exhibit at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History celebrates the life of Fela Anikulapo-Kuti.

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday and Friday-Sunday; current exhibit runs through June 17

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: "Ration Stamps & Bombers, WWII at Home" is the current exhibit. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for students, 6-17

Contact: (734) 455-8940

U-M KELSEY MUSEUM OF ARCHAEOLOGY

Time/Date: The museum is open 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesday-Friday, and 1-4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday

Location: 434 S. State, Ann Arbor

Details: Part II of the Kelsey Museum of Archaeology's special exhibition - "Karanis Revealed: Discovering the Past and Present of a Michigan Excavation in Egypt" - will run Friday, Jan. 27-Sunday, May 6. This special exhibition explores the story of the site's excavation, which was initiated by the University of Michigan in the 1920s and 1930s. Part II follows the changes that took place in Karanis with the beginning of the Roman occupation of Egypt and then later with the advent of Christianity. The displays - all but a few will be new - include collections

of Roman glass, tax rolls on papyrus, and the leather breastplate of a Roman soldier. Admission is free, but donations are accepted.

Contact: www.lsa.umich.edu/kelsey; (734) 764-9304

Music

THE ARK

Time/Date: The 35th Annual Ann Arbor Folk Festival, Jan. 27-28; Take a Chance Tuesday with Peyton Tochtermann, Jan. 31; Open Stage, Feb. 1; Frontier Ruckus, Feb. 2; Cheryl Wheeler, Feb. 3; Yiddishe Cup, Feb. 4; The Global Jazz Project, Feb. 7; Girlyman & Edie Carey, Feb. 8; William Fitzsimmons & Denison Witner, Feb. 9; Newfound Road, Feb. 10; Student Songwriter Series: The Ark at UMMA, Feb. 10; Mustard's Retreat, Feb. 11; My Folky Valentine, Feb. 12; Miss Tess and the Bon Ton Parade, Feb. 13; So-las, Feb. 14; JT Nero & Allison Russell, Feb. 15; Jill Sobule, Feb. 16; The RFD Boys, Feb. 17; Kate Clinton, Feb. 19

Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor

Contact: (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org

BASELINE FOLK SOCIETY

Time/Date: 7-9:30 p.m. the third Saturday of the month

Location: JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: The show includes open mic performances and a featured performer Admis-



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Contact: Mike Mullen at (248) 719-3464 or e-mail to mjmmullen@yahoo.com

CD RELEASE CONCERT

Time/Date: 1:30 P.M. Sunday, Jan. 29

Location: Penn Theatre, 760 Penniman, Plymouth

Details: Motor City Troubadours release "Rustbelt Rhapsodies;" adult admission is \$5; free for children 12 and under

Contact: info@motorcitytroubadours.com or visit motorcitytroubadours.com

MICHIGAN PHILHARMONIC

Time/Date: 2 p.m. Feb. 12; pre-concert talk at 1:15 p.m.

Location: First United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial Road, Plymouth

Details: "Sunday with Schubert" featuring Michigan Phil principal clarinetist Lisa Raschiatore performing the Copland Clarinet Concerto. Other works include Schubert Symphony No. 5 and Amalia Concerto for 12.

Tickets are \$22 general, \$18 senior and \$10, student

Contact: (734) 451-2112; www.michiganphil.org

JAZZ AT THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. last Tuesday of the month

Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: There is a \$10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres. Terry Lower Quartet with Terry on keyboard, Ray Tini on bass, Jim Ryan on drums and Edye Evans-Hyde on vocals will perform Jan. 31

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Global trend: Create innovative food, spice combinations

When it comes to food, people around the world are more alike than different, according to a report released by McCormick & Company, Inc. The McCormick "Flavor Forecast 2012" pinpoints common trends and flavors driving culinary innovation around the world.

A team of McCormick chefs, sensory scientists, trend trackers, marketing experts and food technologists in Asia, Australia, Europe, Africa, Latin America and North America created this first global version of Flavor Forecast, which McCormick has released annually since 2000.

"While developing the Flavor forecast 2012, our global team was excited to find so many similarities in the trends inspiring diverse cultures to cook, eat and innovate," state Chef Kevan Vetter for McCormick United States.

The report highlights six culinary trends brought to life through 12 regional flavor combinations and taste experiences:

- **Honoring roots** — Give traditional ingredients and techniques a fresh perspective with such flavor combinations as Korean pepper paste, sesame, Asian pear and garlic; and cumin with sofrito.
- **Quest for the ultimate** — Pair lemon thyme, limoncello, lemon peel and meyer lemon for the ultimate lemon flavor and bring dill with mint, melon and cucumber together for the ultimate refresher.
- **Veggies in vogue** — Honey and harissa combine to let eggplant shine with sweet heat; pair red curry and pancetta with squash for a hint of Thai.
- **Simplicity shines** — Cooks are highlighting quality ingredients with unpretentious preparations. Try combining ginger with coconut or vanilla with butter and let a simple dish shine.
- **Flavorful swaps** — Balancing an appetite for bold flavor with a hunger for good health is key to achieving wellness goals. Pair a better-for-you beverage, such as red tea, with cinnamon and plum or grapefruit and red pepper.
- **No boundaries** — Culinary trailblazers cook outside the lines by discovering, reinventing and even playing with food. Combining blueberry with cardamom and corn masa takes dishes from everyday to extraordinary. Sweet soy with tamarind and black pepper gives food an Asian flair.

Here's a selection of recipes that use some of the 12 regional flavor combinations. For more recipes, visit www.FlavorForecast.com

Vanilla-Butter Shrimp Rolls

Prep Time: 15 minutes

Cook Time: 10 minutes

Makes 8 servings

- 8 New England-style hot dog rolls (top split) or regular hot dog rolls, split
- 3 tablespoons butter, softened, divided
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped shallots
- 1 teaspoon finely chopped garlic
- 1 pound large shrimp, peeled, deveined and cut in half
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon paprika
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon ground black pepper
- 2 tablespoons dry sherry or white wine
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup mayonnaise
- 1 to 2 cups small salad greens, such as mache, baby spinach or baby arugula

1. Lightly brush rolls with 2 tablespoons of the butter. Heat large skillet on medium heat. Place rolls, buttered-side down, in skillet. Toast 2 to 3 minutes per side or until golden brown. Remove from skillet. Set aside.

2. Heat oil and remaining 1 tablespoon butter in same skillet on medium heat. Add shallots and garlic; cook and stir 1 minute or until fragrant. Add shrimp, paprika, salt and pepper; cook and stir 3 to 4 minutes or just until shrimp turn pink. Stir in sherry and vanilla; cook until heated through.

3. Spread mayonnaise on each roll. Place baby greens in rolls. Spoon shrimp mixture into each roll. Drizzle shrimp with remaining sauce. Serve immediately.



Dill-Mint Ice Cubes

Serve these ice cubes, infused with dill and mint leaves, with sparkling water for the ultimate refresher.

Prep Time: 5 minutes

Freeze Time: overnight

Makes 20 ice cubes

- $2\frac{1}{2}$ cups water
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon dill weed
- 20 small mint leaves

1. Mix water and dill. Place a mint leaf in each ice cube section of ice cube tray. Pour water mixture into ice cube tray. Freeze overnight or until frozen.
2. Serve with sparkling water and a squeeze of lemon.

Eggplant & Goat Cheese Torte with Honey-Harissa Sauce

Prep Time: 45 minutes

Cook Time: 20 minutes

Refrigerate Time: 1 hour

Makes 4 servings

- 1 large eggplant, sliced lengthwise into 12 to 16 slices
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 small red bell pepper, roasted, peeled and quartered
- 2 ounces goat cheese (chèvre)
- 1 small yellow bell pepper, roasted, peeled and quartered
- 2 tablespoons honey
- Honey-Harissa Sauce:
 - 1 large red bell pepper, roasted, peeled and seeded
 - 3 tablespoons olive oil
 - 1 tablespoon honey
 - $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon caraway seed, ground
 - $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon ground coriander seed
 - $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon minced garlic
 - $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt
 - $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon crushed red pepper

1. For the Honey-Harissa Sauce, place all ingredients in blender or food processor; cover. Blend or process on high speed until almost smooth. Set aside.

2. Brush eggplant slices with oil. Season lightly with salt and pepper. Place eggplant slices in single layer on baking pan. Roast in preheated 350°F oven 15 to 20 minutes or until just tender.

3. Line four (6 ounce) ramekins with plastic wrap. Place 1 slice of eggplant lengthwise along bottom of each ramekin. Line the sides of the ramekin with slices of eggplant, draping 1 inch of each end of the eggplant slice over top of ramekin. Place red bell pepper slices on top of eggplant in bottom of ramekin. Top with a thin layer of goat cheese. Repeat with a layer of eggplant, placing slices crosswise to first layer of eggplant, yellow bell pepper slices and goat cheese. Fold excess eggplant over to enclose the torte. Cover ramekins in plastic wrap.

4. Refrigerate 1 hour or overnight. Invert each ramekin onto serving plate and carefully remove ramekin. Brush tortes with honey. Serve with Honey-Harissa Sauce.



Almond & Date Bulgur Salad with Sofrito

Prep Time: 20 minutes

Cook Time: 20 minutes

Makes 4 servings

- 1 cup bulgur (cracked wheat)
- 1 teaspoon grated orange peel
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup orange juice
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon ground cumin or roasted ground cumin
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon McCormick Gourmet Sicilian Sea Salt
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chopped plum tomatoes
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chopped green bell pepper
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chopped red bell pepper
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chopped onion
- 2 teaspoons minced garlic
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup pitted dates, quartered, divided
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sliced almonds, toasted, divided
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro, divided

1. Bring 6 cups water to boil in medium saucepan. Meanwhile, heat large skillet on medium heat. Add dry bulgur; cook and stir 2 to 3 minutes or until fragrant. Add toasted bulgur to boiling water. Cook on medium heat 10-12 minutes or until tender. Drain and rinse under cold water. Place bulgur in large bowl. Mix orange peel, juice, cumin and sea salt in small bowl. Pour over bulgur; toss to coat well. Set aside.

2. Heat oil in large skillet on medium-high heat. Add tomatoes, bell peppers, onion and garlic; cook and stir 2-3 minutes or until tender-crisp. Add vegetables, and $\frac{1}{2}$ each of the dates, almonds and cilantro to the bulgur mixture; toss to coat well.

3. Serve warm or refrigerate until ready to serve. Garnish with remaining dates, almonds and cilantro.



Local Realtors optimistic for 2012

By Julie Brown
O&E Staff Writer

Realtor Bob Bake's been in the business for 45 years, so he has a good sense of how things are going.

Bake, with Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel of Plymouth, agreed the market's looking up.

"Very definitely, we are," he said, adding he speaks for Northville, Plymouth and Canton. "There's a significant uptick in activity, especially for homes that are in move-in conditions in appealing areas."

Fixer-upper homes are less appealing, Bake said, but the supply of homes is more limited.

"There's a definite scarcity factor," he said. "We're very, very busy."

Bake agreed buying a home remains a good investment despite market upheaval of recent years. "In my judgment it is (a good investment), especially if you're going to be living in your home five years or more. It's a great time to buy."

Interest rates for mortgages are low, he added.

Realtor Bart Patterson, a 15-year industry veteran, also sees signs for optimism.

"Always. There's plenty of buyers out there," said Patterson, vice president and general manager for RE/MAX Classic, with offices in Canton, Farmington Hills corporate headquarters, Novi and Milford. "It's a pretty competitive market still. If it's a nice house and is priced competitively, it's selling pretty well. Buyers are doing well."

"Mortgage rates are historic lows. You can't beat that," Patterson added.

Patterson acknowledged the housing market has struggled in recent years.

"It has been struggle." Some buyers were forced to sell for financial reasons.

Others can move because of



Local Realtors are pleased to see an uptick in business in early 2012.

their circumstances, Patterson said.

"We saw a little bit of an increase in the (average) sale price last year." If that continues, "that would be good for the economy. We've got to get to that leveling out place."

Patterson agreed the jobs element is a key piece, and that some renters could buy for the first time.

"Everybody stayed focused," he said of those in his field, adding some homes are still being sold as short sales.

Existing-home sales rose again in November and remain above a year ago, according to the National Association of Realtors. Also released recently were periodic benchmark revisions with downward adjustments to sales and inventory data since 2007, led by a decline in for-sale-by-owners.

Although rebenchmarking resulted in lower adjustments

to several years of home sales data, the month-to-month characterization of market conditions did not change. There are no changes to home prices or month's supply.

The latest monthly data shows total existing-home sales, which are completed transactions that include single-family, townhomes, condominiums and co-ops, increased 4.0 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.42 million in November from 4.25 million in October, and are 12.2 percent above the 3.94 million-unit pace in November 2010.

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, said more people are taking advantage of the buyer's market. "Sales reached the highest mark in 10 months and are 34 percent above the cyclical low point in mid-2010 — a genuine sustained sales recovery appears to be developing," he said.

"We've seen healthy gains in

contract activity, so it looks like more people are realizing the great opportunity that exists in today's market for buyers with long-term plans."

According to Freddie Mac, the national average commitment rate for a 30-year, conventional, fixed-rate mortgage fell to a record low 3.99 percent in November from 4.07 percent in October; the rate was 4.30 percent in November 2010; records date back to 1971.

NAR President Moe Veissi, broker-owner of Veissi & Associates Inc., in Miami, said housing affordability conditions have set a new record high. "With record low mortgage interest rates and bargain home prices, NAR's housing affordability index shows that a median-income family can easily afford a median-priced home," he said.

The NAR website contributed to this report.

Weigh animal issue with care

Q: We have a community that is trapping cats and turning them over to the Humane Society which is putting them up for adoption or euthanizing them. We now have an animal rights activist owner who has gotten every single animal rights group and a local paper involved with this issue and is trying to get the board to change their position on this issue. It is the animal rights position that you need to trap the cats, neuter them and then release them since this will prevent reproduction and will allegedly lead to the extinction of that colony of cats within the association. What do we do?

A: I know of one association that was actually sued by an animal rights activist to



Robert Meisner

prevent it from capturing the feral cats and turning them over to the shelter where they were either adopted or euthanized. The plaintiff in that case sought a

permanent injunction requiring what was referred to as TNR (Trap, Neuter, Release). There are, however, organizations that will either neuter the cats or keep them or put them up for adoption and the TNR advocates are familiar with these organizations. In that particular matter the case was settled by the Association agreeing not to trap the cats for 30 days to allow the Plaintiff to arrange to trap them and then ship them off to a facility for TNR and housing, and then to resume trapping placement in the shelter after 30 days. Obviously, you can offer to have the cats turned over to the various animal rights groups that are complaining so long as they do not end up back at the Association. This is a delicate legal question and/or political issue that requires much consideration by the board and counsel.

Q: I am a board member, and am concerned about the fact that our collection lawyer for our condominium seems to have every collection account on a computer with access to the management company and, perhaps, others. Isn't that an invasion of privacy?

A: It is hard to determine exactly what type of system your collection attorney has established, but the attorney/client privilege could be waived or otherwise jeopardized if proprietary information in the hands of the attorney is disclosed to third parties who are not protected by the attorney client privilege, namely are not the client or authorized representatives of the client to receive this information within the protections of the attorney/privilege. The technological age may prove to some to be beneficial in terms of record keeping and the like but it also opens up additional pitfalls to the long established legal principals embodied in the attorney/client privilege which could well undermine the association's operations, and impede, indeed, the collection process. You are best advised to have a second opinion provided to you concerning the propriety of the computer access information procedures that you have outlined.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 11-14, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON
50492 Amberley Blvd \$540,000
41345 Ford Rd \$375,000
2236 Hendrie \$250,000
7247 Kingsbridge Ct \$150,000
4063 Pond Run \$160,000

44575 Savery Dr \$46,000
41850 Woodbridge Dr \$137,000
GARDEN CITY
32248 Florence St \$36,000
31927 Hennepin St \$52,000
32751 Maplewood St \$55,000
32219 Rosslyn Ave \$80,000
30036 Rush St \$77,000
LIVONIA
36262 Barkley St \$150,000
9586 Deering St \$92,000
11840 Farmington Rd \$78,000
38517 Mason St \$130,000
9970 Oporto St \$95,000
30064 Richland St \$75,000

14599 Ronnie Ln \$123,000
29056 Roycroft St \$61,000
14139 Susanna St \$129,000
NORTHVILLE
20268 Longwood Ct \$110,000
16001 Morningside \$117,000
46423 Pinehurst Cir \$640,000
725 Randolph St \$58,000
317 Yerkes St \$170,000
PLYMOUTH
39519 Birchwood Dr \$159,000
262 N Holbrook St \$119,000
624 S Harvey St \$110,000
REDFORD
19653 Brady \$54,000

18679 Delaware Ave \$32,000
9159 Dixie \$50,000
18690 Gaylord \$39,000
9655 Hemingway \$35,000
24904 N Sylbert Dr \$69,000
WESTLAND
33731 Blackfoot St \$49,000
31628 Conway Dr \$85,000
38592 Florence St \$55,000
7780 Louise Ct \$38,000
36449 Newberry Estates Dr \$172,000
36515 Newberry Estates Dr \$160,000
35588 Pheasant Ln \$75,000
39227 Randolph Ct \$85,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 3-7, 2011, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS
16910 Lauderdale Ave \$148,000
30354 Lincolnshire E \$340,000
31054 Pickwick Ln \$215,000
BIRMINGHAM
1540 Bowers St \$124,000
1192 Cole St \$430,000
1809 Holland St \$149,000
369 Kimberly St \$392,000
1021 Smith Ave \$129,000

BLOOMFIELD HILLS
617 Wilshire Dr \$195,000
4725 Dover Rd \$268,000
718 E Long Lake Rd \$260,000
1377 Pembroke Dr \$900,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP
3425 Berkshire Dr \$396,000
1054 Clear Point Ct \$290,000
6522 Donegan Ct \$250,000
5373 Echo Rd \$235,000
474 Fox Hills Dr N \$25,000
1180 Hill Line Trl \$420,000
6465 Maple Hills Dr \$135,000
945 Satterlee Rd \$460,000
3647 Shallow Brook Dr \$235,000
4147 Stoneleigh Rd \$420,000
1101 Timberlake Dr \$530,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP
1760 Birchton St \$45,000
4735 White Tail Ct \$179,000

FARMINGTON HILLS
22743 Clear Lake Dr \$175,000
31711 Dohany Dr \$100,000
35575 Forestville St \$180,000
29261 Glen Oaks Blvd E \$89,000
36650 Howard Rd \$170,000
29508 Juneau Ln \$115,000
29308 Regents Pointe \$132,000
28895 Rockledge Dr \$190,000
FRANKLIN
26651 Captains Ln \$678,000
25075 Franklin Park Dr \$367,000
MILFORD
3045 Hillside Dr \$151,000
983 Manderly Dr \$217,000
852 Manor Dr \$68,000
NOVI
22120 Brockshire St \$420,000
47334 Butler Ln \$242,000
28314 Carlton Way Dr \$132,000

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24777 Reeds Pointe Dr \$400,000
41451 Reindeer Dr \$230,000
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698 Center Rdg \$119,000
57538 Hidden Timbers Dr \$245,000
1053 Saddle Dr \$223,000
SOUTHFIELD
19481 Cherry Hill St \$124,000
23408 Grayson Dr \$30,000
20200 Lacrosse Ave \$95,000
25131 Ridge Cliff Dr \$143,000
30230 Woodgate Dr \$135,000
WHITE LAKE
8520 Jamestown Dr \$25,000
979 Round Lake Rd \$85,000
8990 Twin Lakes Dr \$190,000

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Contest finalist

Jewish Family Service's Project Build! program, based in West Bloomfield has been selected as a finalist for Aprons in Action, The Home Depot Foundation's Facebook voting program, and now has the opportunity to win a \$25,000 gift card from The Home Depot. Voting began Jan. 2 and runs through Jan. 31 at www.facebook.com/homedepotfoundation. The organization with the most votes will win the \$25,000 prize, and be in the running for the grand prize of \$250,000 at the end of the yearlong program. The runner-up organizations from each month will receive \$5,000 in The Home Depot gift cards.

During the Aprons in Action Contest, which began in April 2011, 11 monthly winners will be selected. In March 2012, Facebook fans will have the chance to help one of those 11 winners win the \$250,000 grand prize. The organization that receives the second and third most votes will receive \$150,000 and \$100,000 from The Home Depot, respectively.

In the January round of the competi-

tion, Jewish Family Service is competing against three other nonprofit organizations from across the country including Oregon Paralyzed Veterans of America, Pilot Club of Denham Springs, and VFW Post 4127.

"Being selected for the Aprons in Action Program is an honor, and we are so thankful for the recognition," said Perry Ohren, CEO of Jewish Family Service. "If we win the \$25,000 Home Depot gift card, we will be able to provide home repairs and modifications for many low-income and physically challenged individuals in our community over the next year."

Working together, Jewish Family Service's Project Build!, The Home Depot Foundation and the local The Home Depot Commerce Township store recently teamed up to complete an extensive home repair. It took seven days over a period of three weeks to replace rotted flooring, paint all of the walls, replace the lighting and oven, and repair the gutters outside. In the end, JFS's Project Build! and The Home Depot turned the client's house into a home.

Aprons in Action is on Facebook at www.facebook.com/homedepot or www.facebook.com/homedepotfoundation.

The final percentages of votes for each nonprofit will be posted on The Home Depot and The Home Depot Foundation's Facebook pages on Feb. 1 at 9 a.m. ET. For more information and to view the program rules, visit The Home Depot on Facebook or go to www.homedepotfoundation.org.

Seminar on Tuesdays

A free Reverse Mortgage Seminar is 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Colonial Mortgage Corp., 33919 Plymouth Road, Livonia. No obligation.

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- 12 Mantra chants
- 13 Amount carried
- 14 Budget item
- 15 Small shelters (2 wds.)
- 17 Othello's betrayer
- 18 Blame
- 19 Rocky Mountain tree
- 20 Out of debt
- 23 Frazier foe
- 24 Plant anchor
- 25 Emulate The Rock or Hulk Hogan
- 29 Starfish part
- 30 Spelunkers' finds
- 32 Kennel sound
- 33 Curious maiden
- 35 Drury Lane

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- 36 Mdse. bars
- 37 Couch potato's device
- 39 "Soapdish" actor
- 42 Eat no food
- 43 Cargo area
- 44 Desires to leave (2 wds.)
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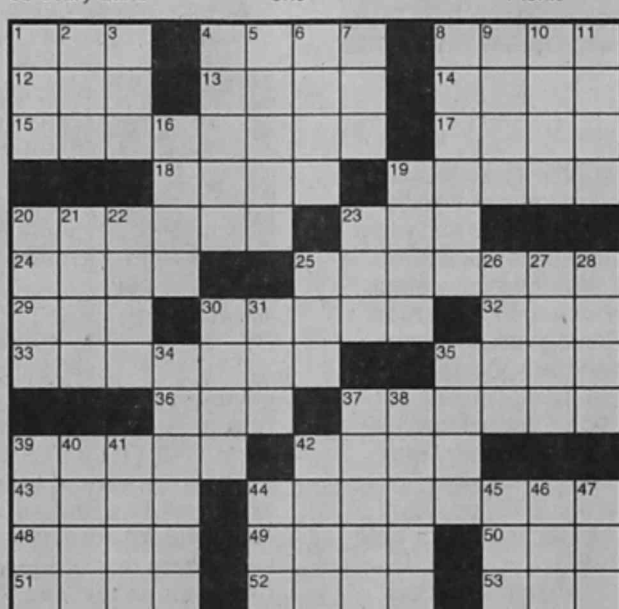
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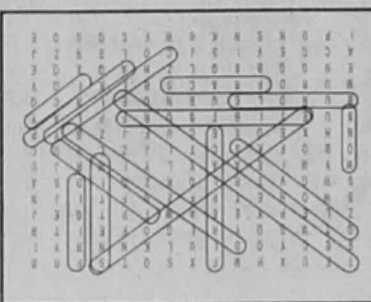
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